



**SHANE RYAN**  
**WESTALL SCHOOL ENCOUNTER**

1  
00:00:06,190 --> 00:00:02,570  
this is Ross coulart and you are

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00:00:10,129 --> 00:00:06,200  
listening to that UFO podcast

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00:00:12,770 --> 00:00:10,139  
[Music]

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00:00:15,169 --> 00:00:12,780  
hi everyone and welcome back to that UFO

5  
00:00:17,750 --> 00:00:15,179  
podcast my name is Andy and on a very

6  
00:00:21,109 --> 00:00:17,760  
cold Winter's morning I am joined by my

7  
00:00:22,550 --> 00:00:21,119  
guest out in the sunny sunny warms of

8  
00:00:25,130 --> 00:00:22,560  
Australia even

9  
00:00:27,589 --> 00:00:25,140  
um he is a teacher writer researcher and

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00:00:29,150 --> 00:00:27,599  
federal parliamentary public servant he

11  
00:00:31,490 --> 00:00:29,160  
has worked and studied at Charles

12  
00:00:33,110 --> 00:00:31,500  
Stewart University the University of

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00:00:35,630 --> 00:00:33,120

Canberra and the Australian National

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00:00:37,430 --> 00:00:35,640

University all in Canberra

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00:00:39,229 --> 00:00:37,440

um he was the principal researcher and

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00:00:42,350 --> 00:00:39,239

narrator for the excellent documentary

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00:00:44,270 --> 00:00:42,360

on the west all incident West all 66 a

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00:00:46,069 --> 00:00:44,280

Suburban UFO mystery which was first

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00:00:48,350 --> 00:00:46,079

broadcast on the Australian Sci-fi

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00:00:51,529 --> 00:00:48,360

channel in 2010 I'd like to welcome

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00:00:55,490 --> 00:00:51,539

Shane Ryan to the podcast

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00:00:58,369 --> 00:00:55,500

hello Andy it's great to see you and to

23

00:01:00,830 --> 00:00:58,379

chat to you in person after all this

24

00:01:03,470 --> 00:01:00,840

time and it's a real pleasure to to join

25

00:01:04,789 --> 00:01:03,480

our two wonderful accents together and

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00:01:06,830 --> 00:01:04,799

talk about

27

00:01:11,210 --> 00:01:06,840

the crazy

28

00:01:13,429 --> 00:01:11,220

subject of UFOs so thank you for the for

29

00:01:14,450 --> 00:01:13,439

the privilege of being on YouTube thank

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00:01:20,990 --> 00:01:14,460

you

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00:01:23,270 --> 00:01:21,000

and many listeners know a lot about West

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00:01:25,670 --> 00:01:23,280

all and what happened and probably just

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00:01:27,109 --> 00:01:25,680

as many aren't too familiar with it so

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00:01:29,810 --> 00:01:27,119

it's a really good time to dive into

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00:01:31,730 --> 00:01:29,820

this I think especially uh as the aerial

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00:01:33,350 --> 00:01:31,740

School phenomenon documentary received

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00:01:35,149 --> 00:01:33,360

such wide prayers that came out a few

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00:01:37,249 --> 00:01:35,159

months ago and I think there's a lot of

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00:01:39,050 --> 00:01:37,259

Echoes of that in in the west all

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00:01:40,490 --> 00:01:39,060

incident as well

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00:01:41,990 --> 00:01:40,500

um what I'd love to do is Shane is to

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00:01:43,850 --> 00:01:42,000

hand over to yourself and just ask you

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00:01:47,810 --> 00:01:43,860

first off for those who are unfamiliar

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00:01:52,130 --> 00:01:50,149

well that's a really good question what

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00:01:54,770 --> 00:01:52,140

is it all about and what was it all

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00:01:57,530 --> 00:01:54,780

about and after all these years of

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00:02:01,149 --> 00:01:57,540

investigating this really interesting

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00:02:04,130 --> 00:02:01,159

story a story that I often describe as

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00:02:08,270 --> 00:02:04,140

certainly Australia's and possibly the

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00:02:10,249 --> 00:02:08,280

world's largest mass witness daylight

51  
00:02:14,390 --> 00:02:10,259  
Mass Witness

52  
00:02:18,050 --> 00:02:14,400  
uh UFO sighting and not just a UFO

53  
00:02:21,770 --> 00:02:18,060  
sighting of one to three flying

54  
00:02:23,809 --> 00:02:21,780  
saucer-shaped craft in the air but at

55  
00:02:26,869 --> 00:02:23,819  
least one possibly more of these craft

56  
00:02:29,630 --> 00:02:26,879  
coming down and being witnessed either

57  
00:02:32,390 --> 00:02:29,640  
on the ground or very close to the

58  
00:02:34,550 --> 00:02:32,400  
ground and then in addition to that not

59  
00:02:37,070 --> 00:02:34,560  
just the matter of these objects being

60  
00:02:39,890 --> 00:02:37,080  
seen by so many people and it was

61  
00:02:42,290 --> 00:02:39,900  
literally hundreds of people school

62  
00:02:45,229 --> 00:02:42,300  
students of course mainly high school

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00:02:48,530 --> 00:02:45,239

and Primary School students but also

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00:02:51,890 --> 00:02:48,540

some teachers and some local residents

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00:02:54,530 --> 00:02:51,900

and workers but in addition to that

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00:02:57,290 --> 00:02:54,540

whatever it was that was behind these

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00:03:00,470 --> 00:02:57,300

strange objects and behind this incident

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00:03:03,110 --> 00:03:00,480

there was a huge response to it a

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00:03:06,770 --> 00:03:03,120

response to it by government different

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00:03:09,410 --> 00:03:06,780

levels of government local state and

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00:03:13,670 --> 00:03:09,420

federal government authorities in terms

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00:03:18,350 --> 00:03:13,680

of the military emergency services

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00:03:21,589 --> 00:03:18,360

police all responded on this day to what

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00:03:25,570 --> 00:03:21,599

so many of these people saw this

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00:03:28,610 --> 00:03:25,580

April day in Melbourne and it happened

76  
00:03:31,309 --> 00:03:28,620  
in a place about 21 kilometers from the

77  
00:03:34,430 --> 00:03:31,319  
Central Central business district of

78  
00:03:36,050 --> 00:03:34,440  
Melbourne and it was a community a

79  
00:03:38,930 --> 00:03:36,060  
neighborhood that was called westall

80  
00:03:41,750 --> 00:03:38,940  
which was within the larger suburb of

81  
00:03:45,229 --> 00:03:41,760  
Clayton South and this part of Melbourne

82  
00:03:48,770 --> 00:03:45,239  
at that time back in 1966 was very much

83  
00:03:53,089 --> 00:03:48,780  
still on the Urban Fringe of Melbourne

84  
00:03:56,030 --> 00:03:53,099  
it was semi-urban and semi-rural so the

85  
00:03:59,509 --> 00:03:56,040  
suburbs were beginning to encroach on

86  
00:04:02,990 --> 00:03:59,519  
what had been up until that point very

87  
00:04:04,250 --> 00:04:03,000  
much agricultural land farming land and

88  
00:04:06,830 --> 00:04:04,260

there was still a lot of farming going

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00:04:10,309 --> 00:04:06,840

on mainly Market Gardens so the growing

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00:04:11,089 --> 00:04:10,319

of vegetables and flowers and and some

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00:04:13,789 --> 00:04:11,099

fruit

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00:04:16,129 --> 00:04:13,799

and so it was really this place

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00:04:20,810 --> 00:04:16,139

on the edge of Melbourne

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00:04:22,850 --> 00:04:20,820

and in a way a very ordinary Place very

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00:04:23,990 --> 00:04:22,860

Ordinary People very down to earth

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00:04:28,129 --> 00:04:24,000

people

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00:04:30,530 --> 00:04:28,139

uh going about their lives uh when on

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00:04:35,469 --> 00:04:30,540

this day which happened to be the second

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00:04:39,189 --> 00:04:35,479

last day of term for schools in Victoria

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00:04:43,550 --> 00:04:39,199

something literally out of the blue

101  
00:04:45,830 --> 00:04:43,560  
appeared in the skies above two schools

102  
00:04:48,590 --> 00:04:45,840  
and I emphasize the two schools because

103  
00:04:50,330 --> 00:04:48,600  
sometimes it gets lost in uh in

104  
00:04:52,629 --> 00:04:50,340  
Translation if you like there were

105  
00:04:55,070 --> 00:04:52,639  
actually two School communities involved

106  
00:04:57,230 --> 00:04:55,080  
one a high school

107  
00:04:59,629 --> 00:04:57,240  
we're still high school and then

108  
00:05:02,090 --> 00:04:59,639  
neighboring that on the same property

109  
00:05:04,790 --> 00:05:02,100  
but adjacent to the school a primary

110  
00:05:07,909 --> 00:05:04,800  
school that was known as westall state

111  
00:05:09,530 --> 00:05:07,919  
school and so two communities two

112  
00:05:12,590 --> 00:05:09,540  
separate School communities but together

113  
00:05:15,830 --> 00:05:12,600

on one parcel of land and they were both

114

00:05:17,990 --> 00:05:15,840

very much involved in the sighting that

115

00:05:19,430 --> 00:05:18,000

happened that day

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00:05:21,350 --> 00:05:19,440

and it wasn't just the children

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00:05:23,570 --> 00:05:21,360

obviously that reported seeing flying

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00:05:26,570 --> 00:05:23,580

saucers at the time there was the

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00:05:29,870 --> 00:05:26,580

teachers also witnessed this too yeah

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00:05:32,629 --> 00:05:29,880

that's right so uh in addition to the

121

00:05:35,810 --> 00:05:32,639

school students uh of course there are a

122

00:05:37,430 --> 00:05:35,820

lot of teachers there on this day there

123

00:05:40,550 --> 00:05:37,440

weren't that many teachers that were

124

00:05:43,610 --> 00:05:40,560

aware of that were primary Witnesses I

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00:05:46,610 --> 00:05:43,620

know of only two from the high school

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00:05:48,189 --> 00:05:46,620

one was one of the two science teachers

127

00:05:51,050 --> 00:05:48,199

at the high school a man called Andrew

128

00:05:54,230 --> 00:05:51,060

Greenwood and the other teacher was a

129

00:05:59,090 --> 00:05:54,240

physical education teacher and she was a

130

00:06:02,210 --> 00:05:59,100

New Zealand lady who we think was one of

131

00:06:04,510 --> 00:06:02,220

the possibly two PE teachers that were

132

00:06:06,950 --> 00:06:04,520

out on the school oval at the time

133

00:06:08,990 --> 00:06:06,960

supervising and running the two PE

134

00:06:10,610 --> 00:06:09,000

classes that were happening

135

00:06:12,310 --> 00:06:10,620

they were of course teachers at the

136

00:06:16,370 --> 00:06:12,320

neighboring primary school

137

00:06:20,810 --> 00:06:16,380

and I know certainly of one of those

138

00:06:24,469 --> 00:06:20,820

teachers that was a witness of sorts uh

139

00:06:26,990 --> 00:06:24,479

mostly a witness to the aftermath of the

140

00:06:29,930 --> 00:06:27,000

UFOs appearing and the effect that it

141

00:06:31,029 --> 00:06:29,940

had on the students but also some of the

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00:06:34,129 --> 00:06:31,039

physical

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00:06:37,490 --> 00:06:34,139

aftermath that apparently at least one

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00:06:40,490 --> 00:06:37,500

of these UFOs left on the sports ground

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00:06:41,450 --> 00:06:40,500

or near the sports ground at the primary

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00:06:43,670 --> 00:06:41,460

school

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00:06:46,430 --> 00:06:43,680

I've actually just to make it a little

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00:06:49,249 --> 00:06:46,440

bit easier for people because sometimes

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00:06:50,870 --> 00:06:49,259

rather than just talk listening to the

150

00:06:52,189 --> 00:06:50,880

investigator the researcher somebody

151  
00:06:55,370 --> 00:06:52,199  
like myself

152  
00:06:57,909 --> 00:06:55,380  
talking about what I've learned or what

153  
00:07:02,090 --> 00:06:57,919  
I've heard I've actually prepared some

154  
00:07:03,770 --> 00:07:02,100  
small vignettes if you like bits of the

155  
00:07:06,770 --> 00:07:03,780  
story that have been provided to me over

156  
00:07:09,890 --> 00:07:06,780  
the years by the people who are actually

157  
00:07:11,629 --> 00:07:09,900  
there and it might make more sense to

158  
00:07:14,210 --> 00:07:11,639  
your listeners and to your viewers if I

159  
00:07:15,529 --> 00:07:14,220  
share some of those if you're ready for

160  
00:07:17,210 --> 00:07:15,539  
me to do that

161  
00:07:18,890 --> 00:07:17,220  
so

162  
00:07:22,909 --> 00:07:18,900  
um I've been researching this story

163  
00:07:25,249 --> 00:07:22,919

since 2005 and I originally set up a

164

00:07:27,350 --> 00:07:25,259

Yahoo groups web site this is way back

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00:07:29,749 --> 00:07:27,360

in the days before social media like

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00:07:31,850 --> 00:07:29,759

Facebook took over when Yahoo groups

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00:07:33,890 --> 00:07:31,860

were still a thing and I myself at that

168

00:07:35,210 --> 00:07:33,900

point in time was dabbling with the

169

00:07:37,730 --> 00:07:35,220

internet and trying to work it all out

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00:07:39,830 --> 00:07:37,740

myself and so I set up this Yahoo groups

171

00:07:42,170 --> 00:07:39,840

website just to put The Feelers out

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00:07:44,210 --> 00:07:42,180

there in cyberspace to see if anyone

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00:07:45,469 --> 00:07:44,220

remembered this story

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00:07:48,110 --> 00:07:45,479

um I guess I was going through a little

175

00:07:52,029 --> 00:07:48,120

bit of a midlife crisis myself an early

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00:07:55,550 --> 00:07:52,039

midlife crisis of course and um I I

177

00:07:58,370 --> 00:07:55,560

thought I should probably write a book

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00:08:01,490 --> 00:07:58,380

a book for for children for young adults

179

00:08:04,249 --> 00:08:01,500

and completely out of the blue even to

180

00:08:06,830 --> 00:08:04,259

this day I really don't know where the

181

00:08:09,409 --> 00:08:06,840

idea came from but I remember this old

182

00:08:11,689 --> 00:08:09,419

Flying Saucer story that I heard myself

183

00:08:13,730 --> 00:08:11,699

when I had lived in Melbourne many years

184

00:08:16,490 --> 00:08:13,740

before when I moved from country

185

00:08:19,730 --> 00:08:16,500

Victoria down to Melbourne to study at

186

00:08:22,450 --> 00:08:19,740

University and I bought it with a lady

187

00:08:25,010 --> 00:08:22,460

who had over the years

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00:08:26,990 --> 00:08:25,020

had one or two students International

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00:08:29,270 --> 00:08:27,000

and domestic students stay with her

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00:08:32,209 --> 00:08:29,280

while they were going to University and

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00:08:34,250 --> 00:08:32,219

I turn out to be one of those and she is

192

00:08:37,570 --> 00:08:34,260

the lady who originally told me about

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00:08:40,490 --> 00:08:37,580

their story because she had two friends

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00:08:43,790 --> 00:08:40,500

whose son had been at westall State

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00:08:46,970 --> 00:08:43,800

School the primary school that day and

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00:08:49,630 --> 00:08:46,980

had been a witness and he'd come home he

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00:08:52,130 --> 00:08:49,640

told his parents the story and over time

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00:08:54,290 --> 00:08:52,140

the lady I lived with her friends had

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00:08:56,750 --> 00:08:54,300

told her the story and there's another

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00:08:57,829 --> 00:08:56,760

connection to that Witness this and to

201  
00:09:00,350 --> 00:08:57,839  
that lady

202  
00:09:03,050 --> 00:09:00,360  
and to her mother who herself had an

203  
00:09:05,389 --> 00:09:03,060  
experience around the same time which I

204  
00:09:06,889 --> 00:09:05,399  
can come back to later if you like but

205  
00:09:09,949 --> 00:09:06,899  
that's how I initially came across the

206  
00:09:11,870 --> 00:09:09,959  
story all those years ago

207  
00:09:14,449 --> 00:09:11,880  
and after I set up the Yahoo groups

208  
00:09:16,430 --> 00:09:14,459  
website a couple of local newspapers

209  
00:09:19,910 --> 00:09:16,440  
also picked up on my interest in the

210  
00:09:22,730 --> 00:09:19,920  
story and between those two articles

211  
00:09:24,530 --> 00:09:22,740  
going out into local newspapers and the

212  
00:09:27,949 --> 00:09:24,540  
Yahoo groups website reaching out to

213  
00:09:30,110 --> 00:09:27,959

people people started to contact me and

214

00:09:32,870 --> 00:09:30,120

first it was one or two or three people

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00:09:34,970 --> 00:09:32,880

and I'd talk to them over the phone and

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00:09:37,370 --> 00:09:34,980

they would give me names about other

217

00:09:41,509 --> 00:09:37,380

people that I they thought I should talk

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00:09:44,870 --> 00:09:41,519

to and so the number sort of grew slowly

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00:09:48,050 --> 00:09:44,880

and then more quickly over the months

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00:09:49,690 --> 00:09:48,060

and years and before I knew it I had

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00:09:54,230 --> 00:09:49,700

this substantial

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00:09:57,170 --> 00:09:54,240

number of witnesses primary Witnesses

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00:09:59,690 --> 00:09:57,180

mostly who had seen

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00:10:02,150 --> 00:09:59,700

the flying sources and some of them had

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00:10:04,070 --> 00:10:02,160

seen the traces left behind by these

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00:10:06,050 --> 00:10:04,080

flying sources and some of them were

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00:10:07,130 --> 00:10:06,060

lucky enough to have seen both of those

228

00:10:09,710 --> 00:10:07,140

things

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00:10:13,370 --> 00:10:09,720

that adorned on me eventually that uh

230

00:10:16,550 --> 00:10:13,380

this wasn't an urban myth that wasn't

231

00:10:18,889 --> 00:10:16,560

just a story that had grown legs over

232

00:10:21,530 --> 00:10:18,899

the years and snowballed that there were

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00:10:23,930 --> 00:10:21,540

very definite common elements common

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00:10:27,170 --> 00:10:23,940

denominators to the story that people

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00:10:29,150 --> 00:10:27,180

were telling me and I realized then that

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00:10:32,810 --> 00:10:29,160

perhaps I needed to shift my focus from

237

00:10:35,210 --> 00:10:32,820

thinking about writing a book of fiction

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00:10:37,250 --> 00:10:35,220

based on a true story like this story

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00:10:39,769 --> 00:10:37,260

for kids

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00:10:43,430 --> 00:10:39,779

and try to do something

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00:10:45,050 --> 00:10:43,440

for those kids that were now adults and

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00:10:48,710 --> 00:10:45,060

try to get the bot up to the bottom of

243

00:10:51,350 --> 00:10:48,720

the story and try to find an answer for

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00:10:53,870 --> 00:10:51,360

these people and I think at the time I

245

00:10:57,110 --> 00:10:53,880

was naive enough to think that I could

246

00:10:59,690 --> 00:10:57,120

probably crack this this nut

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00:11:03,350 --> 00:10:59,700

the the nub of this mystery whatever it

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00:11:05,750 --> 00:11:03,360

was within 18 months or two years that

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00:11:08,150 --> 00:11:05,760

whatever it was that was behind what

250

00:11:11,930 --> 00:11:08,160

these people say they saw and

251  
00:11:14,870 --> 00:11:11,940  
experienced surely I'd be able to

252  
00:11:16,730 --> 00:11:14,880  
find out what the answer was

253  
00:11:17,870 --> 00:11:16,740  
that I'd be able to find some sort of

254  
00:11:20,569 --> 00:11:17,880  
explanation

255  
00:11:24,170 --> 00:11:20,579  
whether it was prosaic or

256  
00:11:27,050 --> 00:11:24,180  
not so prosaic or something in between

257  
00:11:29,090 --> 00:11:27,060  
and 56 years later I'm sitting at this

258  
00:11:32,389 --> 00:11:29,100  
desk in my study in my house in Canberra

259  
00:11:34,130 --> 00:11:32,399  
and I'm still on that same journey and I

260  
00:11:36,889 --> 00:11:34,140  
guess that has a lot in common with lots

261  
00:11:38,750 --> 00:11:36,899  
of other classic UFO cases around the

262  
00:11:42,110 --> 00:11:38,760  
world you could think about cases like

263  
00:11:43,069 --> 00:11:42,120

rendersham or Roswell or whatever it

264

00:11:45,889 --> 00:11:43,079

might be

265

00:11:48,650 --> 00:11:45,899

the people who have tried to cut but um

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00:11:52,009 --> 00:11:48,660

crack those nuts if you like and and

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00:11:53,210 --> 00:11:52,019

find the answers are still on that

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00:11:55,130 --> 00:11:53,220

Journey

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00:11:57,110 --> 00:11:55,140

could I just ask one question before we

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00:11:59,449 --> 00:11:57,120

get into some of those kind of Snippets

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00:12:02,509 --> 00:11:59,459

from from the witnesses we're talking

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00:12:04,670 --> 00:12:02,519

about the 60s an Australian history what

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00:12:06,470 --> 00:12:04,680

was that either like in Australia we've

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00:12:08,509 --> 00:12:06,480

got the Cold War happening between the

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00:12:10,329 --> 00:12:08,519

USA and the USSR

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00:12:13,130 --> 00:12:10,339

um how had that affected the population

277

00:12:14,690 --> 00:12:13,140

and what was the kinesic Geist within

278

00:12:16,850 --> 00:12:14,700

Australia do you know

279

00:12:18,650 --> 00:12:16,860

I think that's a really interesting part

280

00:12:22,430 --> 00:12:18,660

of the whole story and I often say to

281

00:12:24,769 --> 00:12:22,440

people you know beyond the the really

282

00:12:27,050 --> 00:12:24,779

exotic elements of their story beyond

283

00:12:29,750 --> 00:12:27,060

what it really was that people saw at

284

00:12:30,710 --> 00:12:29,760

westall that day and as I often say to

285

00:12:32,990 --> 00:12:30,720

people

286

00:12:34,750 --> 00:12:33,000

I don't have a particular agenda that

287

00:12:36,650 --> 00:12:34,760

I'm aware of I don't have a particular

288

00:12:38,389 --> 00:12:36,660

Barrow that I'm pushing it doesn't

289

00:12:41,389 --> 00:12:38,399

really matter to me what the ultimate

290

00:12:45,470 --> 00:12:41,399

answer is as to what people saw

291

00:12:47,750 --> 00:12:45,480

um I'm just after the answer but beyond

292

00:12:50,030 --> 00:12:47,760

that and surrounding that of course you

293

00:12:50,870 --> 00:12:50,040

have in a way

294

00:12:54,769 --> 00:12:50,880

yeah

295

00:12:56,990 --> 00:12:54,779

just as important as the UFOs themselves

296

00:12:58,970 --> 00:12:57,000

you have the other characters in the

297

00:13:01,190 --> 00:12:58,980

story and the other characters aren't

298

00:13:02,569 --> 00:13:01,200

the things up in the sky

299

00:13:05,269 --> 00:13:02,579

the other characters are the human

300

00:13:08,210 --> 00:13:05,279

beings the people these literally

301  
00:13:11,210 --> 00:13:08,220  
hundreds of people that were involved

302  
00:13:13,269 --> 00:13:11,220  
this day and over subsequent days

303  
00:13:16,550 --> 00:13:13,279  
because there were other sightings over

304  
00:13:19,550 --> 00:13:16,560  
subsequent days around westall as well

305  
00:13:22,850 --> 00:13:19,560  
and and it's something that's affected

306  
00:13:24,590 --> 00:13:22,860  
these people for for decades for all

307  
00:13:28,310 --> 00:13:24,600  
their all their lives

308  
00:13:29,990 --> 00:13:28,320  
and I've become part of that story if

309  
00:13:34,430 --> 00:13:30,000  
you like I've become entwined in that

310  
00:13:37,389 --> 00:13:34,440  
part of their lives and so getting a

311  
00:13:40,430 --> 00:13:37,399  
feel for what it was like on the ground

312  
00:13:43,730 --> 00:13:40,440  
in Melbourne Australia's second largest

313  
00:13:45,530 --> 00:13:43,740

city at that time in 1966 has been

314

00:13:48,590 --> 00:13:45,540

important for me I wasn't born until the

315

00:13:50,990 --> 00:13:48,600

following year 1967 so I wasn't quite

316

00:13:53,210 --> 00:13:51,000

part of that era but

317

00:13:57,769 --> 00:13:53,220

you know the Olympics that happened in

318

00:14:00,350 --> 00:13:57,779

Melbourne just 10 years before 1956

319

00:14:03,170 --> 00:14:00,360

and so it was a real time for Australia

320

00:14:05,750 --> 00:14:03,180

if you like coming out of the dark days

321

00:14:07,730 --> 00:14:05,760

of the second world war coming out of

322

00:14:10,250 --> 00:14:07,740

the the terrible time that that was for

323

00:14:11,750 --> 00:14:10,260

so many people so many people going to

324

00:14:14,269 --> 00:14:11,760

war and losing their lives or being

325

00:14:16,790 --> 00:14:14,279

injured families being affected the

326

00:14:19,550 --> 00:14:16,800

Australian economy being affected

327

00:14:21,410 --> 00:14:19,560

and after the war finished Australia's

328

00:14:23,870 --> 00:14:21,420

population began to grow really quite

329

00:14:26,810 --> 00:14:23,880

quickly a lot of post-war immigration

330

00:14:29,269 --> 00:14:26,820

coming of course from the United Kingdom

331

00:14:31,910 --> 00:14:29,279

but other parts of Europe southern

332

00:14:35,090 --> 00:14:31,920

Europe in particular places like Italy

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00:14:38,690 --> 00:14:35,100

and Greece and Yugoslavia and Malta and

334

00:14:41,689 --> 00:14:38,700

Albania and that changed Australian

335

00:14:43,670 --> 00:14:41,699

society and changed it quite quickly

336

00:14:46,970 --> 00:14:43,680

so there was a real excitement I think

337

00:14:49,629 --> 00:14:46,980

in Australia in the 1960s lots of things

338

00:14:54,350 --> 00:14:49,639

were changing in terms of social mores

339

00:14:57,949 --> 00:14:54,360

sexual mores the breakdown eventually of

340

00:14:59,689 --> 00:14:57,959

of more sort of authoritarian structures

341

00:15:02,629 --> 00:14:59,699

things were beginning to happen within

342

00:15:05,150 --> 00:15:02,639

the political world within Australia as

343

00:15:06,949 --> 00:15:05,160

well changes in in government in terms

344

00:15:09,350 --> 00:15:06,959

of political parties

345

00:15:12,230 --> 00:15:09,360

but also at the same time of course you

346

00:15:15,490 --> 00:15:12,240

had the beginnings of the Vietnam War

347

00:15:20,509 --> 00:15:15,500

and in Australia we had conscription

348

00:15:22,250 --> 00:15:20,519

introduced uh for the Vietnam War and So

349

00:15:24,110 --> 00:15:22,260

at around this time you had the

350

00:15:26,750 --> 00:15:24,120

beginnings of Australian troops

351  
00:15:28,970 --> 00:15:26,760  
beginning to go over to Vietnam you had

352  
00:15:31,189 --> 00:15:28,980  
the lottery system coming out when

353  
00:15:34,670 --> 00:15:31,199  
numbers were being drawn out of a barrel

354  
00:15:36,850 --> 00:15:34,680  
and if your number came up you were

355  
00:15:40,670 --> 00:15:36,860  
conscripted into the Australian military

356  
00:15:43,069 --> 00:15:40,680  
and could possibly see service in this

357  
00:15:45,710 --> 00:15:43,079  
far away Country That Wasn't So Far Away

358  
00:15:48,170 --> 00:15:45,720  
geographically from Australia but

359  
00:15:50,569 --> 00:15:48,180  
culturally and socially it was so

360  
00:15:52,490 --> 00:15:50,579  
different and most Australians had no

361  
00:15:55,009 --> 00:15:52,500  
experience of that part of the world and

362  
00:15:58,430 --> 00:15:55,019  
probably really had no idea what the war

363  
00:16:00,530 --> 00:15:58,440

was all about

364

00:16:03,769 --> 00:16:00,540

um so you had all of that

365

00:16:05,930 --> 00:16:03,779

part of the part of the milieu but in

366

00:16:08,329 --> 00:16:05,940

terms of the school settings at that

367

00:16:11,210 --> 00:16:08,339

time in Australia you know schools were

368

00:16:14,870 --> 00:16:11,220

still pretty authoritarian

369

00:16:19,670 --> 00:16:14,880

teachers Headmasters ruled with the

370

00:16:22,250 --> 00:16:19,680

pretty strong fist if you like and that

371

00:16:24,050 --> 00:16:22,260

becomes really relevant to the story at

372

00:16:26,449 --> 00:16:24,060

westall because

373

00:16:29,150 --> 00:16:26,459

the rules were well known at westall the

374

00:16:31,730 --> 00:16:29,160

Headmaster at the time of the high

375

00:16:35,509 --> 00:16:31,740

school at least Mr Frank sambalby was

376

00:16:38,870 --> 00:16:35,519

quite a a task master he was generally

377

00:16:41,090 --> 00:16:38,880

fairly feared by his charge charges the

378

00:16:42,470 --> 00:16:41,100

kids which was pretty common in schools

379

00:16:46,310 --> 00:16:42,480

at the time

380

00:16:49,389 --> 00:16:46,320

and the idea of going against the wishes

381

00:16:52,850 --> 00:16:49,399

of your teachers or the school rules and

382

00:16:55,490 --> 00:16:52,860

jumping fences and running across roads

383

00:16:57,230 --> 00:16:55,500

and running through Market Gardens and

384

00:17:00,050 --> 00:16:57,240

chasing after

385

00:17:02,629 --> 00:17:00,060

these flying saucers in the air

386

00:17:04,130 --> 00:17:02,639

and trying to follow them and trying to

387

00:17:06,169 --> 00:17:04,140

go to the place where you had seen them

388

00:17:08,329 --> 00:17:06,179

come down and land

389

00:17:11,390 --> 00:17:08,339

well to do such I think of course was

390

00:17:14,650 --> 00:17:11,400

completely anathema at that time

391

00:17:18,890 --> 00:17:14,660

but dozens possibly more than dozens

392

00:17:19,909 --> 00:17:18,900

maybe a hundred or so kids did exactly

393

00:17:34,730 --> 00:17:19,919

that

394

00:17:36,830 --> 00:17:34,740

one of the kids shared with me in recent

395

00:17:38,510 --> 00:17:36,840

years and I've given each of these

396

00:17:42,289 --> 00:17:38,520

little stories just a very quick title

397

00:17:44,870 --> 00:17:42,299

and this is from a girl called Patsy who

398

00:17:47,870 --> 00:17:44,880

was informed to the second year of

399

00:17:51,650 --> 00:17:47,880

secondary school so she was about 13 or

400

00:17:54,110 --> 00:17:51,660

14 years old and she said to me Shane it

401  
00:17:55,970 --> 00:17:54,120  
started with a commotion

402  
00:17:58,370 --> 00:17:55,980  
I would like to give you my recollection

403  
00:18:01,490 --> 00:17:58,380  
of the events on the day of the west or

404  
00:18:04,430 --> 00:18:01,500  
UFO sighting it began with a lot of

405  
00:18:06,049 --> 00:18:04,440  
commotion in the corridor with students

406  
00:18:09,529 --> 00:18:06,059  
running from classroom to classroom

407  
00:18:11,390 --> 00:18:09,539  
yelling flying saucers flying sources

408  
00:18:14,450 --> 00:18:11,400  
I hurried along with everyone else to

409  
00:18:16,130 --> 00:18:14,460  
the sports oval and sure enough there

410  
00:18:19,789 --> 00:18:16,140  
were UFOs

411  
00:18:22,330 --> 00:18:19,799  
silver circular domed shape

412  
00:18:25,730 --> 00:18:22,340  
not like anything I'd ever seen before

413  
00:18:27,950 --> 00:18:25,740

hovering above us if memory serves me

414

00:18:28,909 --> 00:18:27,960

correct there was also a dull humming

415

00:18:31,430 --> 00:18:28,919

sound

416

00:18:33,350 --> 00:18:31,440

I recall the UFO made a sudden movement

417

00:18:36,230 --> 00:18:33,360

I screamed because I thought it was

418

00:18:39,350 --> 00:18:36,240

going to swoop but it just tilted

419

00:18:42,350 --> 00:18:39,360

sped off at great speed and disappeared

420

00:18:43,669 --> 00:18:42,360

in the direction of several aircraft in

421

00:18:45,770 --> 00:18:43,679

the sky

422

00:18:49,789 --> 00:18:45,780

the aircraft appeared to be following

423

00:18:51,529 --> 00:18:49,799

the UFOs until they also disappeared my

424

00:18:54,650 --> 00:18:51,539

friends and I were curious about the UFO

425

00:18:57,830 --> 00:18:54,660

landing in the Grange the grains was

426

00:19:00,590 --> 00:18:57,840

this area an old Farmland a couple of

427

00:19:01,730 --> 00:19:00,600

hundred meters south of the school

428

00:19:04,789 --> 00:19:01,740

property

429

00:19:07,130 --> 00:19:04,799

so Patsy goes on to say that we venture

430

00:19:08,930 --> 00:19:07,140

to the clearing at the Grange to find

431

00:19:11,210 --> 00:19:08,940

circular patches of flattened grass

432

00:19:14,390 --> 00:19:11,220

later that day we were called to a

433

00:19:16,070 --> 00:19:14,400

general assembly to be told not to talk

434

00:19:19,070 --> 00:19:16,080

to the media

435

00:19:20,870 --> 00:19:19,080

about the sighting some students ignored

436

00:19:23,810 --> 00:19:20,880

the principal's warning and spoke to the

437

00:19:25,130 --> 00:19:23,820

media men arrived at our school in

438

00:19:26,750 --> 00:19:25,140

fatigues

439

00:19:28,190 --> 00:19:26,760  
couldn't tell you what part of the

440

00:19:31,010 --> 00:19:28,200  
Australian Defense Force they were from

441

00:19:33,350 --> 00:19:31,020  
but they were in fatigues

442

00:19:37,730 --> 00:19:33,360  
hundreds of us had witnessed an awesome

443

00:19:41,029 --> 00:19:37,740  
event a UFO sighting to this day no one

444

00:19:45,289 --> 00:19:41,039  
can convince me otherwise I know what I

445

00:19:48,190 --> 00:19:45,299  
saw I have had a UFO encounter

446

00:19:53,450 --> 00:19:50,930  
by the name of Phyllis who was a year

447

00:19:55,070 --> 00:19:53,460  
older was in form three so she was about

448

00:19:57,830 --> 00:19:55,080  
15 years old

449

00:20:00,169 --> 00:19:57,840  
and she gave me

450

00:20:02,690 --> 00:20:00,179  
a little bit of a story from a different

451  
00:20:04,850 --> 00:20:02,700  
Vantage Point everyone was standing in a

452  
00:20:07,190 --> 00:20:04,860  
slightly different place at a slightly

453  
00:20:08,570 --> 00:20:07,200  
different time and all the kids and all

454  
00:20:10,430 --> 00:20:08,580  
the witnesses were slightly different

455  
00:20:13,370 --> 00:20:10,440  
people so different personalities

456  
00:20:15,049 --> 00:20:13,380  
different ages and so of course the

457  
00:20:17,870 --> 00:20:15,059  
accounts vary a little bit in some of

458  
00:20:20,450 --> 00:20:17,880  
the detail and I guess it's been my job

459  
00:20:22,250 --> 00:20:20,460  
over the years as the researcher to try

460  
00:20:25,549 --> 00:20:22,260  
to put all of those pieces off the

461  
00:20:27,909 --> 00:20:25,559  
jigsaw puzzle together to make a more

462  
00:20:31,450 --> 00:20:27,919  
coherent story not to gloss over

463  
00:20:35,090 --> 00:20:31,460

differences not to ignore differences

464

00:20:37,669 --> 00:20:35,100

but just to get a a clearer easier

465

00:20:39,590 --> 00:20:37,679

handle on what it might have been that

466

00:20:42,830 --> 00:20:39,600

actually happened that day

467

00:20:46,549 --> 00:20:42,840

and Phyllis wrote that one UFO appeared

468

00:20:49,010 --> 00:20:46,559

above me and another two further over at

469

00:20:52,190 --> 00:20:49,020

the other end of the oval they all look

470

00:20:55,190 --> 00:20:52,200

the same silver in color this shaped

471

00:20:57,350 --> 00:20:55,200

with a dome top they hovered above what

472

00:20:59,510 --> 00:20:57,360

seemed like a couple of minutes then

473

00:21:02,510 --> 00:20:59,520

tilted and sped off at extraordinary

474

00:21:04,490 --> 00:21:02,520

speed and disappeared over the pine

475

00:21:08,210 --> 00:21:04,500

trees at the Grange

476  
00:21:10,490 --> 00:21:08,220  
after school myself and another group of

477  
00:21:13,669 --> 00:21:10,500  
local kids ran to the Grange and

478  
00:21:16,970 --> 00:21:13,679  
witnessed three flat and circular spots

479  
00:21:18,169 --> 00:21:16,980  
all singed around the outer edge in the

480  
00:21:21,289 --> 00:21:18,179  
paddocks

481  
00:21:22,430 --> 00:21:21,299  
how do you tell 15 year olds they did

482  
00:21:25,130 --> 00:21:22,440  
not see anything

483  
00:21:28,070 --> 00:21:25,140  
or what they saw were weather balloons

484  
00:21:30,529 --> 00:21:28,080  
we know what we saw and will never

485  
00:21:33,409 --> 00:21:30,539  
forget the profound effect it had on us

486  
00:21:35,450 --> 00:21:33,419  
on all of us

487  
00:21:38,289 --> 00:21:35,460  
so these are kids writing to me over the

488  
00:21:41,690 --> 00:21:38,299

years mostly by email

489

00:21:42,649 --> 00:21:41,700

mostly kids who had had no contact with

490

00:21:45,289 --> 00:21:42,659

each other

491

00:21:47,029 --> 00:21:45,299

since this day

492

00:21:51,230 --> 00:21:47,039

and

493

00:21:53,510 --> 00:21:51,240

remember when I first started contacting

494

00:21:56,510 --> 00:21:53,520

people it was mostly by telephone

495

00:21:58,130 --> 00:21:56,520

and I would speak to these Witnesses and

496

00:21:59,330 --> 00:21:58,140

sometimes there was a little bit of a

497

00:22:01,970 --> 00:21:59,340

hesitancy

498

00:22:05,810 --> 00:22:01,980

when I was starting up the conversation

499

00:22:08,270 --> 00:22:05,820

because a lot of these adults but as

500

00:22:10,909 --> 00:22:08,280

kids had been told in very no uncertain

501  
00:22:12,110 --> 00:22:10,919  
terms this was a story that was not to

502  
00:22:15,110 --> 00:22:12,120  
be talked about

503  
00:22:18,230 --> 00:22:15,120  
this was a story that a lid was meant to

504  
00:22:20,870 --> 00:22:18,240  
be kept on they were told this many of

505  
00:22:23,750 --> 00:22:20,880  
them not all but many of them quite

506  
00:22:25,430 --> 00:22:23,760  
directly and even for those who tried to

507  
00:22:27,409 --> 00:22:25,440  
talk about it later on perhaps when they

508  
00:22:29,090 --> 00:22:27,419  
were a bit older and married and had

509  
00:22:30,110 --> 00:22:29,100  
families of their own spouses of Their

510  
00:22:33,049 --> 00:22:30,120  
Own

511  
00:22:34,549 --> 00:22:33,059  
were going out to the workforce and had

512  
00:22:40,310 --> 00:22:34,559  
work mates

513  
00:22:44,570 --> 00:22:40,320

uh sometimes they'd be met with just

514

00:22:47,270 --> 00:22:44,580

ridicule sometimes or just people not

515

00:22:49,190 --> 00:22:47,280

wanting to accept what they were saying

516

00:22:51,289 --> 00:22:49,200

at face value that they couldn't accept

517

00:22:53,810 --> 00:22:51,299

it at face value

518

00:22:55,730 --> 00:22:53,820

and they learned very quickly to keep

519

00:22:57,830 --> 00:22:55,740

the story to themselves

520

00:22:59,870 --> 00:22:57,840

and so when I contacted them quite a lot

521

00:23:01,850 --> 00:22:59,880

of them would say to me Shane is it okay

522

00:23:05,390 --> 00:23:01,860

for me to talk about this now

523

00:23:06,950 --> 00:23:05,400

because we were told that it wasn't or I

524

00:23:08,510 --> 00:23:06,960

tried to talk about it and just nobody

525

00:23:11,510 --> 00:23:08,520

wanted to know

526

00:23:13,490 --> 00:23:11,520

but I said to them I want to know just

527

00:23:15,350 --> 00:23:13,500

tell me and I'm not here to make a

528

00:23:17,930 --> 00:23:15,360

judgment I'm not here to make a buck out

529

00:23:20,029 --> 00:23:17,940

of it I'm not here to prove one thing

530

00:23:21,049 --> 00:23:20,039

one way or the other I just want to hear

531

00:23:24,289 --> 00:23:21,059

your story

532

00:23:27,289 --> 00:23:24,299

and they would tell me their story

533

00:23:29,270 --> 00:23:27,299

and watching the documentary that comes

534

00:23:31,190 --> 00:23:29,280

across the the kind of fear that's put

535

00:23:33,289 --> 00:23:31,200

into the children and the teachers in

536

00:23:35,570 --> 00:23:33,299

the immediate aftermath of the event and

537

00:23:37,310 --> 00:23:35,580

you as you say the the military who

538

00:23:39,110 --> 00:23:37,320

turned up that weren't easily

539

00:23:40,789 --> 00:23:39,120

identifiable

540

00:23:42,710 --> 00:23:40,799

um I believe within the documentary

541

00:23:44,990 --> 00:23:42,720

you're told that you know there

542

00:23:48,470 --> 00:23:45,000

shouldn't have been any military on that

543

00:23:51,169 --> 00:23:48,480

scale available at such short notice to

544

00:23:52,850 --> 00:23:51,179

just appear when they did too so clearly

545

00:23:54,649 --> 00:23:52,860

you know something was going on that

546

00:23:58,549 --> 00:23:54,659

they wanted to cover up or any means

547

00:24:01,370 --> 00:23:58,559

necessary at the time where UFOs seen as

548

00:24:04,310 --> 00:24:01,380

a bit of a I don't know was it you know

549

00:24:06,350 --> 00:24:04,320

just pure fancy as a conversation but

550

00:24:09,169 --> 00:24:06,360

what was the culture in Australia around

551  
00:24:11,330 --> 00:24:09,179  
UFOs in the mid 60s

552  
00:24:13,010 --> 00:24:11,340  
I think the culture probably wasn't that

553  
00:24:16,010 --> 00:24:13,020  
different from the culture in the United

554  
00:24:17,750 --> 00:24:16,020  
Kingdom or most other English-speaking

555  
00:24:19,909 --> 00:24:17,760  
countries I'm not sure about other

556  
00:24:22,070 --> 00:24:19,919  
non-english speaking countries but it

557  
00:24:25,070 --> 00:24:22,080  
probably wasn't vastly different I mean

558  
00:24:28,730 --> 00:24:25,080  
Australian Society in the mid 60s was

559  
00:24:30,830 --> 00:24:28,740  
still pretty British in many ways I mean

560  
00:24:32,810 --> 00:24:30,840  
chunks of it were Irish as well of

561  
00:24:35,409 --> 00:24:32,820  
course a lot of Irish immigration to

562  
00:24:39,710 --> 00:24:35,419  
Australia including my own family

563  
00:24:41,870 --> 00:24:39,720

but very uh anglo-celtic culture

564

00:24:44,630 --> 00:24:41,880

uh the beginning of multiculturalism

565

00:24:49,549 --> 00:24:44,640

culturism was happening at this time

566

00:24:51,649 --> 00:24:49,559

really from the the 60s onwards but I

567

00:24:54,169 --> 00:24:51,659

think you know how people responded to

568

00:24:56,750 --> 00:24:54,179

the topic of UFOs probably varied a bit

569

00:25:00,169 --> 00:24:56,760

of course from family to family person

570

00:25:01,850 --> 00:25:00,179

to person but you know people were aware

571

00:25:04,610 --> 00:25:01,860

of

572

00:25:06,710 --> 00:25:04,620

um science fiction it was beginning to

573

00:25:09,890 --> 00:25:06,720

appear on TV of course

574

00:25:12,830 --> 00:25:09,900

things like uh you know Star Trek and

575

00:25:16,490 --> 00:25:12,840

Doctor Who and and of course the movies

576

00:25:18,310 --> 00:25:16,500

and the comic books before that so it

577

00:25:21,470 --> 00:25:18,320

wasn't something that was completely

578

00:25:23,570 --> 00:25:21,480

unknown to people I think a better way

579

00:25:25,730 --> 00:25:23,580

of talking about it was it was something

580

00:25:27,470 --> 00:25:25,740

that was unexpected

581

00:25:30,470 --> 00:25:27,480

and it wasn't something that people

582

00:25:33,289 --> 00:25:30,480

expected to encounter for the most part

583

00:25:35,630 --> 00:25:33,299

in their daily lives it wasn't something

584

00:25:37,850 --> 00:25:35,640

that people expected to encounter when

585

00:25:39,830 --> 00:25:37,860

they were just trying to go to school as

586

00:25:42,169 --> 00:25:39,840

a student or as a teacher or trying to

587

00:25:44,750 --> 00:25:42,179

go about their daily work as a market

588

00:25:47,269 --> 00:25:44,760

Gardener or a factory hand or whatever

589

00:25:50,029 --> 00:25:47,279

people were doing it was something that

590

00:25:53,029 --> 00:25:50,039

was I guess it belonged to

591

00:25:56,390 --> 00:25:53,039

the cinema belonged to TV

592

00:25:58,850 --> 00:25:56,400

and when it actually happened in real

593

00:26:01,370 --> 00:25:58,860

life to these people

594

00:26:04,909 --> 00:26:01,380

I think it came as a great shock for

595

00:26:07,190 --> 00:26:04,919

some it was very exciting for summer was

596

00:26:09,710 --> 00:26:07,200

more traumatic

597

00:26:11,930 --> 00:26:09,720

for many it was something in between

598

00:26:15,890 --> 00:26:11,940

the reason I often refer to it as the

599

00:26:18,890 --> 00:26:15,900

1966 West all flying saucer incident is

600

00:26:21,710 --> 00:26:18,900

because that was probably the more

601  
00:26:25,370 --> 00:26:21,720  
common parlance at the time in the 60s

602  
00:26:28,250 --> 00:26:25,380  
Flying Saucer rather than UFO

603  
00:26:30,830 --> 00:26:28,260  
and also that's the expression that a

604  
00:26:35,029 --> 00:26:30,840  
lot of the witnesses used at the time

605  
00:26:36,409 --> 00:26:35,039  
and when I spoke to them and and they

606  
00:26:38,630 --> 00:26:36,419  
used that

607  
00:26:41,690 --> 00:26:38,640  
partly because it was an expression that

608  
00:26:44,269 --> 00:26:41,700  
was already part of the culture

609  
00:26:47,210 --> 00:26:44,279  
sure but it also it matched in a way

610  
00:26:48,950 --> 00:26:47,220  
what people were saying when most of the

611  
00:26:51,529 --> 00:26:48,960  
witnesses describe what they saw at West

612  
00:26:55,010 --> 00:26:51,539  
or they describe it as being like two

613  
00:26:57,890 --> 00:26:55,020

sources joined to together at the lips

614

00:26:59,330 --> 00:26:57,900

at the edges or a bowl sitting on a

615

00:27:01,370 --> 00:26:59,340

saucer

616

00:27:04,549 --> 00:27:01,380

um something elliptical

617

00:27:07,250 --> 00:27:04,559

and and maybe when it moved into a

618

00:27:11,990 --> 00:27:07,260

particular position and have a more of

619

00:27:13,250 --> 00:27:12,000

an elongated sort of a cigar shaped uh

620

00:27:15,529 --> 00:27:13,260

form

621

00:27:16,789 --> 00:27:15,539

but they refer to it as a flying saucer

622

00:27:18,890 --> 00:27:16,799

because

623

00:27:20,630 --> 00:27:18,900

that's what it looked like and I like to

624

00:27:23,210 --> 00:27:20,640

use that word because that's come from

625

00:27:26,269 --> 00:27:23,220

them and because for me it captures also

626

00:27:28,789 --> 00:27:26,279

the sense of of those years

627

00:27:30,529 --> 00:27:28,799

but I'm glad you brought up Andy that

628

00:27:32,570 --> 00:27:30,539

sense of

629

00:27:35,690 --> 00:27:32,580

um

630

00:27:36,890 --> 00:27:35,700

Authority that existed at that time in

631

00:27:39,289 --> 00:27:36,900

Australia

632

00:27:42,409 --> 00:27:39,299

and

633

00:27:44,390 --> 00:27:42,419

um you also brought up the notion of how

634

00:27:46,549 --> 00:27:44,400

people in Australia at that time would

635

00:27:48,409 --> 00:27:46,559

react to seeing something like this how

636

00:27:51,370 --> 00:27:48,419

accepting would they be

637

00:27:55,570 --> 00:27:51,380

and I have another account here of

638

00:27:57,890 --> 00:27:55,580

the I call it what the caretakers saw

639

00:28:00,649 --> 00:27:57,900

westall High School it had two

640

00:28:03,289 --> 00:28:00,659

caretakers a married couple and their

641

00:28:04,730 --> 00:28:03,299

job was to look after the the physical

642

00:28:06,230 --> 00:28:04,740

aspects of the school they were

643

00:28:08,870 --> 00:28:06,240

gardeners they were cleaners they were

644

00:28:11,330 --> 00:28:08,880

maintenance people and for years I tried

645

00:28:13,730 --> 00:28:11,340

to track them down because their house

646

00:28:16,610 --> 00:28:13,740

was on the school property and I thought

647

00:28:20,450 --> 00:28:16,620

if anybody saw something that day maybe

648

00:28:23,149 --> 00:28:20,460

they did it took me years to find not

649

00:28:25,789 --> 00:28:23,159

them because they'd passed away but some

650

00:28:28,730 --> 00:28:25,799

of their children and this is what I

651  
00:28:30,950 --> 00:28:28,740  
wrote about that story a few years ago

652  
00:28:33,350 --> 00:28:30,960  
and after 11 years of looking at that

653  
00:28:35,210 --> 00:28:33,360  
time I finally made contact with two of

654  
00:28:39,169 --> 00:28:35,220  
the children of the westall high school

655  
00:28:40,970 --> 00:28:39,179  
caretakers Mr and Mrs Sykes George and

656  
00:28:43,430 --> 00:28:40,980  
Doris

657  
00:28:45,710 --> 00:28:43,440  
they were both passed away at that point

658  
00:28:48,169 --> 00:28:45,720  
given that the Sykes family parents and

659  
00:28:50,570 --> 00:28:48,179  
three children Marilyn Raylene and Kim

660  
00:28:52,789 --> 00:28:50,580  
lived in a house on the property of the

661  
00:28:54,769 --> 00:28:52,799  
school and that the two younger children

662  
00:28:56,870 --> 00:28:54,779  
were students at the westall state

663  
00:28:59,810 --> 00:28:56,880

school I was very keen to know what the

664

00:29:02,930 --> 00:28:59,820

parents at least may have seen and as it

665

00:29:05,450 --> 00:29:02,940

turns out Mr Sykes was a witness to the

666

00:29:07,490 --> 00:29:05,460

Flying Saucer and he was adamant it was

667

00:29:09,289 --> 00:29:07,500

nothing ordinary

668

00:29:11,390 --> 00:29:09,299

noting that the Sykes house was and

669

00:29:13,130 --> 00:29:11,400

still is on the school property and

670

00:29:16,070 --> 00:29:13,140

facing the main street that goes through

671

00:29:18,350 --> 00:29:16,080

westall the Flying Saucer a Barrack are

672

00:29:21,769 --> 00:29:18,360

basically flew directly over their house

673

00:29:23,990 --> 00:29:21,779

flying from north to south

674

00:29:26,090 --> 00:29:24,000

Raylene their daughter who was 10 years

675

00:29:28,490 --> 00:29:26,100

old at the time recalled that her dad

676

00:29:30,889 --> 00:29:28,500

was on the oval at the time as were a

677

00:29:33,889 --> 00:29:30,899

lot of the kids and saw something very

678

00:29:36,409 --> 00:29:33,899

unusual that was not a plane

679

00:29:38,990 --> 00:29:36,419

George went to the Headmaster Frank sand

680

00:29:41,930 --> 00:29:39,000

will be went to his office and told him

681

00:29:46,070 --> 00:29:41,940

what he had seen and then was given the

682

00:29:48,950 --> 00:29:46,080

task to help lock down the school

683

00:29:51,590 --> 00:29:48,960

he described the object as metallic and

684

00:29:54,889 --> 00:29:51,600

round and that it had hovered for a few

685

00:29:57,889 --> 00:29:54,899

seconds and that it had landed on or at

686

00:30:00,769 --> 00:29:57,899

least hovered very low over the back of

687

00:30:03,110 --> 00:30:00,779

the school oval on the school property

688

00:30:06,289 --> 00:30:03,120

on the other side of the oval from there

689

00:30:10,190 --> 00:30:06,299

where their house was located before it

690

00:30:13,130 --> 00:30:10,200

shot off very fast up into the sky

691

00:30:16,130 --> 00:30:13,140

police came to the school and Raylene

692

00:30:18,169 --> 00:30:16,140

had some memory of Aviation authorities

693

00:30:19,490 --> 00:30:18,179

coming to the school and examining the

694

00:30:21,769 --> 00:30:19,500

ground there

695

00:30:23,750 --> 00:30:21,779

the story got shut down very quickly and

696

00:30:24,590 --> 00:30:23,760

George was instructed not to talk about

697

00:30:26,510 --> 00:30:24,600

it

698

00:30:28,010 --> 00:30:26,520

George was apparently something of a

699

00:30:31,789 --> 00:30:28,020

wreck on tour

700

00:30:34,190 --> 00:30:31,799

and he always loved to tell a good story

701  
00:30:38,510 --> 00:30:34,200  
but he instructed his family that this

702  
00:30:42,470 --> 00:30:40,789  
his older daughter Marilyn who was 21

703  
00:30:44,930 --> 00:30:42,480  
years old at the time

704  
00:30:47,269 --> 00:30:44,940  
she remembers that attempts afterwards

705  
00:30:49,610 --> 00:30:47,279  
to get their parents to talk about what

706  
00:30:52,010 --> 00:30:49,620  
they had seen what had happened were

707  
00:30:55,250 --> 00:30:52,020  
never successful

708  
00:30:57,830 --> 00:30:55,260  
right lane recalled that Doris or George

709  
00:30:59,810 --> 00:30:57,840  
mum or dad had walked her and her

710  
00:31:00,590 --> 00:30:59,820  
brother Kim who was nine years old at

711  
00:31:03,110 --> 00:31:00,600  
the time

712  
00:31:05,389 --> 00:31:03,120  
home that afternoon from west or state

713  
00:31:08,269 --> 00:31:05,399

school which they didn't normally do and

714

00:31:10,610 --> 00:31:08,279

they did that to protect the kids from

715

00:31:15,889 --> 00:31:10,620

the media that had begun to gather

716

00:31:21,409 --> 00:31:19,070

and when Marilyn oh and also I must

717

00:31:23,029 --> 00:31:21,419

mention Raylene also remembered that she

718

00:31:25,610 --> 00:31:23,039

heard that an ambulance had come to

719

00:31:27,889 --> 00:31:25,620

school to the high school that day as

720

00:31:30,049 --> 00:31:27,899

well because at least one possibly two

721

00:31:32,450 --> 00:31:30,059

of the students had fallen ill

722

00:31:34,190 --> 00:31:32,460

but when Marilyn the older daughter 21

723

00:31:36,350 --> 00:31:34,200

years old arrived home later that

724

00:31:38,750 --> 00:31:36,360

evening from work she had to negotiate

725

00:31:40,549 --> 00:31:38,760

her way through the media the media pack

726

00:31:43,549 --> 00:31:40,559

outside the school property

727

00:31:46,490 --> 00:31:43,559

and the Headmaster Frank sambleby

728

00:31:47,570 --> 00:31:46,500

actually came to dinner that night to

729

00:31:50,149 --> 00:31:47,580

their house

730

00:31:52,909 --> 00:31:50,159

and he parked his car in their driveway

731

00:31:54,649 --> 00:31:52,919

which was something he never did as he

732

00:31:56,389 --> 00:31:54,659

always parked in the driveway over the

733

00:31:58,490 --> 00:31:56,399

fence on the school side

734

00:32:00,409 --> 00:31:58,500

closer to his office but on this

735

00:32:01,909 --> 00:32:00,419

occasion he didn't want to be noticed by

736

00:32:04,130 --> 00:32:01,919

the media

737

00:32:05,810 --> 00:32:04,140

after dinner Marilyn recalled that

738

00:32:07,669 --> 00:32:05,820

George and Frank went outside to the

739

00:32:08,930 --> 00:32:07,679

oval and that they were there for a very

740

00:32:10,970 --> 00:32:08,940

long time

741

00:32:14,269 --> 00:32:10,980

Raylene remembered Frank as a very good

742

00:32:15,710 --> 00:32:14,279

man a lovely man but that he was

743

00:32:19,370 --> 00:32:15,720

probably lent on

744

00:32:21,409 --> 00:32:19,380

by whoever it was that came to his

745

00:32:23,810 --> 00:32:21,419

office later

746

00:32:26,510 --> 00:32:23,820

in response to the incident

747

00:32:28,730 --> 00:32:26,520

and the daughters regret that they

748

00:32:31,250 --> 00:32:28,740

didn't try more in their parents later

749

00:32:35,510 --> 00:32:31,260

years to get them to talk again about

750

00:32:38,090 --> 00:32:35,520

what had transpired that day at westall

751  
00:32:40,310 --> 00:32:38,100  
you mentioned that Ambulance with the

752  
00:32:42,409 --> 00:32:40,320  
two pupils potentially falling ill one

753  
00:32:45,110 --> 00:32:42,419  
or two was there any assumption or

754  
00:32:48,110 --> 00:32:45,120  
presumption that they had fallen ill as

755  
00:32:49,549 --> 00:32:48,120  
in relation to the event itself or was

756  
00:32:51,230 --> 00:32:49,559  
it something separate as far as your

757  
00:32:53,450 --> 00:32:51,240  
aware

758  
00:32:56,029 --> 00:32:53,460  
well the story that's been told to me by

759  
00:32:58,510 --> 00:32:56,039  
quite a few Witnesses who remember

760  
00:33:01,810 --> 00:32:58,520  
literally remember seeing the ambulance

761  
00:33:04,250 --> 00:33:01,820  
come to the school to the high school

762  
00:33:07,130 --> 00:33:04,260  
parking in the driveway

763  
00:33:09,289 --> 00:33:07,140

uh they they link it directly to the

764

00:33:10,789 --> 00:33:09,299

Flying Saucer incident and the story

765

00:33:13,430 --> 00:33:10,799

that's been told over the years most

766

00:33:15,230 --> 00:33:13,440

particular there are two female students

767

00:33:17,630 --> 00:33:15,240

that have been mentioned to me over the

768

00:33:21,230 --> 00:33:17,640

years as being adversely affected by

769

00:33:24,350 --> 00:33:21,240

what they saw and uh

770

00:33:27,830 --> 00:33:24,360

um two of them in particular needing

771

00:33:31,630 --> 00:33:27,840

Medical Aid and at least one of them

772

00:33:34,370 --> 00:33:31,640

being transported Away by ambulance

773

00:33:36,529 --> 00:33:34,380

there was a third girl that was named to

774

00:33:39,529 --> 00:33:36,539

me by other students as having been

775

00:33:43,029 --> 00:33:39,539

affected that day as well I was able to

776

00:33:46,490 --> 00:33:43,039

trace her eventually and unfortunately

777

00:33:48,130 --> 00:33:46,500

because she had had as some teenagers

778

00:33:51,529 --> 00:33:48,140

did in those years

779

00:33:52,610 --> 00:33:51,539

electroconvulsive therapy for treatment

780

00:33:55,669 --> 00:33:52,620

for

781

00:33:58,669 --> 00:33:55,679

uh mental disorders as it would have

782

00:34:00,710 --> 00:33:58,679

been called in those days her memories

783

00:34:02,990 --> 00:34:00,720

up until that time had all virtually

784

00:34:04,970 --> 00:34:03,000

been wiped and although she remembered

785

00:34:07,070 --> 00:34:04,980

being at westall high school and had

786

00:34:09,829 --> 00:34:07,080

some memories of this flying saucerer

787

00:34:11,690 --> 00:34:09,839

event she had no specific memories of

788

00:34:14,210 --> 00:34:11,700

what happened to her that day

789

00:34:18,349 --> 00:34:14,220

but there was another girl by the name

790

00:34:21,169 --> 00:34:18,359

of Tanya who was identified by name by

791

00:34:24,430 --> 00:34:21,179

several students as having been affected

792

00:34:27,710 --> 00:34:24,440

and having been taken away by ambulance

793

00:34:31,010 --> 00:34:27,720

and in more recent years I've been able

794

00:34:34,010 --> 00:34:31,020

to contact Tanya she's alive and she's

795

00:34:37,010 --> 00:34:34,020

well and she tells an amazing story of

796

00:34:39,889 --> 00:34:37,020

in her mind being the first student on

797

00:34:42,190 --> 00:34:39,899

the oval that morning who noticed the

798

00:34:45,169 --> 00:34:42,200

UFOs as they flew in

799

00:34:47,990 --> 00:34:45,179

and she remembers running after them

800

00:34:50,450 --> 00:34:48,000

down to the Grange chasing them because

801  
00:34:53,030 --> 00:34:50,460  
so many of them had seen the flying

802  
00:34:55,129 --> 00:34:53,040  
sauces fly down to the Grange descend

803  
00:34:57,349 --> 00:34:55,139  
behind the pine trees they had a fair

804  
00:34:59,089 --> 00:34:57,359  
idea of where they had come down but

805  
00:35:01,910 --> 00:34:59,099  
most students didn't get down there in

806  
00:35:04,130 --> 00:35:01,920  
time to see them or ended up going to a

807  
00:35:06,770 --> 00:35:04,140  
slightly different place and Tanya

808  
00:35:08,750 --> 00:35:06,780  
doesn't remember being I remember seeing

809  
00:35:10,370 --> 00:35:08,760  
them on the ground she says that she

810  
00:35:12,470 --> 00:35:10,380  
doesn't she didn't see them she didn't

811  
00:35:14,210 --> 00:35:12,480  
find them

812  
00:35:15,410 --> 00:35:14,220  
um she has no memory of how she got back

813  
00:35:17,030 --> 00:35:15,420

to the school

814

00:35:18,890 --> 00:35:17,040

and although she doesn't have any

815

00:35:21,290 --> 00:35:18,900

memories herself specifically of being

816

00:35:23,150 --> 00:35:21,300

taken away in an ambulance

817

00:35:24,349 --> 00:35:23,160

she's listened to the accounts of so

818

00:35:26,030 --> 00:35:24,359

many of the other students who were

819

00:35:29,390 --> 00:35:26,040

there that day that have a memory of

820

00:35:30,349 --> 00:35:29,400

that and she concedes that it may have

821

00:35:33,170 --> 00:35:30,359

happened

822

00:35:35,750 --> 00:35:33,180

and that for some reason she doesn't

823

00:35:39,530 --> 00:35:35,760

have a memory of it anymore

824

00:35:41,810 --> 00:35:39,540

and so I as the researcher just have to

825

00:35:43,910 --> 00:35:41,820

honor those different memories that

826

00:35:46,670 --> 00:35:43,920

don't quite concur

827

00:35:47,750 --> 00:35:46,680

and and just hold them somehow in

828

00:35:50,150 --> 00:35:47,760

balance

829

00:35:52,609 --> 00:35:50,160

and and stay open to more information

830

00:35:55,550 --> 00:35:52,619

coming forward at some point that might

831

00:35:58,250 --> 00:35:55,560

clear things up for for us

832

00:36:00,290 --> 00:35:58,260

you also mentioned people being lent on

833

00:36:03,230 --> 00:36:00,300

at the time including the head head

834

00:36:05,569 --> 00:36:03,240

teacher uh Frank cymbalby

835

00:36:07,609 --> 00:36:05,579

and I wonder is there any reports of

836

00:36:10,730 --> 00:36:07,619

these being your standard police

837

00:36:12,650 --> 00:36:10,740

officers uh military officials obviously

838

00:36:14,390 --> 00:36:12,660

were told they're in fatigues but

839

00:36:16,430 --> 00:36:14,400

nothing more than that and it's also

840

00:36:18,470 --> 00:36:16,440

difficult for teachers and children to

841

00:36:20,270 --> 00:36:18,480

identify you know where they are from in

842

00:36:22,430 --> 00:36:20,280

the military but was there any reports

843

00:36:24,770 --> 00:36:22,440

of Men In Black type situations you know

844

00:36:27,829 --> 00:36:24,780

people turning up inserts

845

00:36:31,670 --> 00:36:27,839

questioning speaking to to various folks

846

00:36:36,410 --> 00:36:34,849

well it wouldn't be a real UFO story if

847

00:36:37,849 --> 00:36:36,420

there wasn't something like that I

848

00:36:39,410 --> 00:36:37,859

reckon

849

00:36:40,849 --> 00:36:39,420

um and who'd have thought even in

850

00:36:43,010 --> 00:36:40,859

Australia we would have something like

851  
00:36:45,770 --> 00:36:43,020  
men in black but it sounds like that we

852  
00:36:47,329 --> 00:36:45,780  
we did in relation to this I mean we

853  
00:36:51,710 --> 00:36:47,339  
certainly know that there was a military

854  
00:36:53,630 --> 00:36:51,720  
response of some sort to the school

855  
00:36:55,670 --> 00:36:53,640  
um because so many of the witnesses

856  
00:36:57,410 --> 00:36:55,680  
remember seeing people in military

857  
00:37:01,069 --> 00:36:57,420  
uniforms

858  
00:37:04,849 --> 00:37:01,079  
and also police officers

859  
00:37:09,589 --> 00:37:04,859  
and I for years tried to get a police

860  
00:37:12,290 --> 00:37:09,599  
officer who had let out to one of the

861  
00:37:13,490 --> 00:37:12,300  
witnesses that he knew what westall was

862  
00:37:15,410 --> 00:37:13,500  
all about

863  
00:37:18,950 --> 00:37:15,420

he would never admit to having been

864

00:37:21,470 --> 00:37:18,960

there that day and eventually not long

865

00:37:23,510 --> 00:37:21,480

before he passed away he eventually

866

00:37:27,770 --> 00:37:23,520

admitted to being part of the police

867

00:37:30,349 --> 00:37:27,780

response to westall that day which just

868

00:37:32,270 --> 00:37:30,359

confirmed what other Witnesses had said

869

00:37:34,430 --> 00:37:32,280

and many of the kids quite a few of the

870

00:37:35,930 --> 00:37:34,440

kids at westall high school actually in

871

00:37:37,550 --> 00:37:35,940

a few years after they left the high

872

00:37:40,069 --> 00:37:37,560

school went on to become police officers

873

00:37:42,050 --> 00:37:40,079

themselves or had parents in the police

874

00:37:44,150 --> 00:37:42,060

force and so they knew the police

875

00:37:46,730 --> 00:37:44,160

uniforms very well and they could

876

00:37:49,069 --> 00:37:46,740

distinguish them from other similar blue

877

00:37:51,589 --> 00:37:49,079

colored uniforms and they knew that they

878

00:37:54,410 --> 00:37:51,599

all those ones are probably Air Force

879

00:37:56,690 --> 00:37:54,420

they're definitely not police or they

880

00:37:58,609 --> 00:37:56,700

could identify them as being Army and

881

00:38:01,069 --> 00:37:58,619

not police

882

00:38:03,770 --> 00:38:01,079

but and we know for example that the Air

883

00:38:06,829 --> 00:38:03,780

Force officers turned up at westall high

884

00:38:10,370 --> 00:38:06,839

school and wanted to interview the male

885

00:38:12,650 --> 00:38:10,380

science teacher Andrew Greenwood and the

886

00:38:14,390 --> 00:38:12,660

Headmaster Frank zambleby wouldn't take

887

00:38:16,849 --> 00:38:14,400

Andrew out of class to meet with them

888

00:38:17,690 --> 00:38:16,859

and and wouldn't allow the meeting to

889

00:38:19,670 --> 00:38:17,700

happen

890

00:38:21,829 --> 00:38:19,680

and Frank Sam will be complained about

891

00:38:23,750 --> 00:38:21,839

all these phone calls he was getting in

892

00:38:27,770 --> 00:38:23,760

the days a couple of days after the

893

00:38:29,329 --> 00:38:27,780

incident from the Air Force from UFO

894

00:38:32,270 --> 00:38:29,339

Society people

895

00:38:34,609 --> 00:38:32,280

and and he found that very upsetting and

896

00:38:36,650 --> 00:38:34,619

irritating because his main role of

897

00:38:38,569 --> 00:38:36,660

course was as the Headmaster to keep the

898

00:38:40,609 --> 00:38:38,579

school running and to protect the

899

00:38:42,650 --> 00:38:40,619

children and to protect the reputation

900

00:38:43,670 --> 00:38:42,660

of the school and that was very much his

901  
00:38:46,730 --> 00:38:43,680

Focus

902  
00:38:48,950 --> 00:38:46,740

but the Air Force they were very keen on

903  
00:38:50,870 --> 00:38:48,960

interviewing someone and we know that

904  
00:38:53,750 --> 00:38:50,880

because Andrew Greenwood tells the story

905  
00:38:56,630 --> 00:38:53,760

of a week or two later and not coming on

906  
00:38:59,030 --> 00:38:56,640

his door at his home and it was a

907  
00:39:00,710 --> 00:38:59,040

high-ranking Air Force officer he knew

908  
00:39:03,290 --> 00:39:00,720

he was relatively high ranking because

909  
00:39:06,190 --> 00:39:03,300

he had bands around his sleeve and next

910  
00:39:09,470 --> 00:39:06,200

to him was another person in

911  
00:39:11,690 --> 00:39:09,480

civilian clothes in a suit but very much

912  
00:39:15,530 --> 00:39:11,700

gave the air of being from the

913  
00:39:16,910 --> 00:39:15,540

government short cropped hair nice suit

914

00:39:18,650 --> 00:39:16,920

and he thought they were coming around

915

00:39:20,750 --> 00:39:18,660

to take down more information about what

916

00:39:22,970 --> 00:39:20,760

he had seen because his account had

917

00:39:25,130 --> 00:39:22,980

already appeared in the local newspaper

918

00:39:29,030 --> 00:39:25,140

but they were coming around to do quite

919

00:39:31,310 --> 00:39:29,040

the opposite and they came to say to him

920

00:39:32,510 --> 00:39:31,320

we don't want you talking about this Mr

921

00:39:34,910 --> 00:39:32,520

Greenwood

922

00:39:36,170 --> 00:39:34,920

there are no such things as UFOs we

923

00:39:38,630 --> 00:39:36,180

don't want you talking about flying

924

00:39:40,730 --> 00:39:38,640

sources and if you continue doing this

925

00:39:42,890 --> 00:39:40,740

then give more interviews like you did

926  
00:39:44,990 --> 00:39:42,900  
to the local newspaper we'll make sure

927  
00:39:47,270 --> 00:39:45,000  
that you don't teach again in this state

928  
00:39:48,670 --> 00:39:47,280  
this was his first year of teaching he

929  
00:39:52,910 --> 00:39:48,680  
was 20 years old

930  
00:39:55,550 --> 00:39:52,920  
and he said to me Shane as clear as this

931  
00:39:58,849 --> 00:39:55,560  
memory of seeing this UFO he remember

932  
00:40:01,730 --> 00:39:58,859  
seeing one in the sky that day this

933  
00:40:04,310 --> 00:40:01,740  
memory of these two goons he referred to

934  
00:40:06,050 --> 00:40:04,320  
them as coming around to his house and

935  
00:40:09,349 --> 00:40:06,060  
trying to pull the wall over his eyes

936  
00:40:11,390 --> 00:40:09,359  
was was very very very strong memory for

937  
00:40:13,550 --> 00:40:11,400  
him and he remember saying to these two

938  
00:40:15,950 --> 00:40:13,560

men who are older than he was of course

939

00:40:17,510 --> 00:40:15,960

so that was a bit intimidating and

940

00:40:19,490 --> 00:40:17,520

obviously from the government

941

00:40:20,870 --> 00:40:19,500

he remember saying to them well look if

942

00:40:23,870 --> 00:40:20,880

there are no such things as flying

943

00:40:25,609 --> 00:40:23,880

saucers why do you care if I say that

944

00:40:28,430 --> 00:40:25,619

I've seen one because you say they don't

945

00:40:30,109 --> 00:40:28,440

exist so what does it matter to you and

946

00:40:33,890 --> 00:40:30,119

he remembers them not receiving that

947

00:40:35,810 --> 00:40:33,900

response from him very well but it

948

00:40:37,550 --> 00:40:35,820

certainly shook him up and it shook him

949

00:40:39,770 --> 00:40:37,560

up and that's what has stayed with

950

00:40:41,870 --> 00:40:39,780

Andrew over the years

951  
00:40:43,250 --> 00:40:41,880  
of course seeing the Flying Saucer was

952  
00:40:46,310 --> 00:40:43,260  
something that was important to him and

953  
00:40:48,829 --> 00:40:46,320  
something that was amazing for him but

954  
00:40:51,470 --> 00:40:48,839  
it's always stayed with him why did it

955  
00:40:52,790 --> 00:40:51,480  
have to be kept quiet why couldn't it be

956  
00:40:54,890 --> 00:40:52,800  
spoken about

957  
00:40:58,370 --> 00:40:54,900  
and we know that there were other people

958  
00:41:01,130 --> 00:40:58,380  
who went out to the houses and to the

959  
00:41:03,710 --> 00:41:01,140  
market gardens around westall in the

960  
00:41:06,589 --> 00:41:03,720  
days after the sighting and these are

961  
00:41:08,990 --> 00:41:06,599  
the Men in Black if you like and who

962  
00:41:11,569 --> 00:41:09,000  
were they well of course I don't know

963  
00:41:13,790 --> 00:41:11,579

all I know is the descriptions that

964

00:41:17,510 --> 00:41:13,800

people have given to me that they were

965

00:41:19,609 --> 00:41:17,520

men in suits they gave the impression of

966

00:41:21,829 --> 00:41:19,619

being from the government and they all

967

00:41:24,530 --> 00:41:21,839

came with one message and the message

968

00:41:26,750 --> 00:41:24,540

was you're not to talk about this

969

00:41:28,790 --> 00:41:26,760

and I have a very short story here and

970

00:41:31,910 --> 00:41:28,800

I've I've called it if these weather

971

00:41:35,630 --> 00:41:31,920

boards could talk in Australia weather

972

00:41:38,750 --> 00:41:35,640

boards refers to the weather the timber

973

00:41:41,150 --> 00:41:38,760

cladding on homes in Australia on our

974

00:41:43,010 --> 00:41:41,160

traditional bungalow houses that were

975

00:41:46,490 --> 00:41:43,020

mostly made out of wood up until the

976

00:41:48,829 --> 00:41:46,500

1960s and the houses around westall were

977

00:41:50,329 --> 00:41:48,839

very much from that era built in the 50s

978

00:41:53,210 --> 00:41:50,339

and the 60s

979

00:41:56,750 --> 00:41:53,220

and I wrote within hours of the events

980

00:41:59,510 --> 00:41:56,760

of the 6th of April 1966 two men in

981

00:42:01,670 --> 00:41:59,520

suits walked to the front door of a

982

00:42:03,710 --> 00:42:01,680

particular house in westall that was

983

00:42:06,710 --> 00:42:03,720

virtually directly opposite the front

984

00:42:08,630 --> 00:42:06,720

Gates of westall high school and spoke

985

00:42:11,030 --> 00:42:08,640

words to the man and woman living there

986

00:42:13,370 --> 00:42:11,040

words that would ensure their silence

987

00:42:16,790 --> 00:42:13,380

for the rest of their lives

988

00:42:19,190 --> 00:42:16,800

these men wore suits not a uniform but

989

00:42:22,310 --> 00:42:19,200

they didn't seem to be police detectives

990

00:42:25,069 --> 00:42:22,320

they were from the authorities that is

991

00:42:27,770 --> 00:42:25,079

all that is known that and they told the

992

00:42:30,829 --> 00:42:27,780

married couple aged in their 40s living

993

00:42:33,950 --> 00:42:30,839

there that they were to never talk about

994

00:42:35,990 --> 00:42:33,960

the incident at westall ever

995

00:42:38,810 --> 00:42:36,000

the couple's children two of whom were

996

00:42:41,870 --> 00:42:38,820

already young adults in 1966 remember

997

00:42:45,170 --> 00:42:41,880

that any mention of the Flying Saucer by

998

00:42:48,410 --> 00:42:45,180

them at that time or later would cause

999

00:42:51,589 --> 00:42:48,420

their mum and dad to freeze and to

1000

00:42:54,230 --> 00:42:51,599

become visibly frightened their parents

1001  
00:42:56,030 --> 00:42:54,240  
flatly refused to talk about it and they

1002  
00:42:57,710 --> 00:42:56,040  
told their children that it was no use

1003  
00:43:00,349 --> 00:42:57,720  
trying to talk to the other neighbors

1004  
00:43:01,069 --> 00:43:00,359  
about it either as no one would discuss

1005  
00:43:03,410 --> 00:43:01,079  
it

1006  
00:43:06,290 --> 00:43:03,420  
others in the street had been similarly

1007  
00:43:08,870 --> 00:43:06,300  
visited and warned including another

1008  
00:43:11,930 --> 00:43:08,880  
older relative of this couple who lived

1009  
00:43:14,690 --> 00:43:11,940  
nearby who was a market gardener

1010  
00:43:17,329 --> 00:43:14,700  
and their father was no shrinking violet

1011  
00:43:18,470 --> 00:43:17,339  
he'd been a soldier and the railway

1012  
00:43:20,329 --> 00:43:18,480  
guard

1013  
00:43:23,349 --> 00:43:20,339

but seemingly promises had been

1014

00:43:26,210 --> 00:43:23,359

extracted from these good hard-working

1015

00:43:27,230 --> 00:43:26,220

down-to-earth people of westall to keep

1016

00:43:32,210 --> 00:43:27,240

a secret

1017

00:43:34,609 --> 00:43:32,220

could not dent and the keeping of that

1018

00:43:36,890 --> 00:43:34,619

secret would for years cause a reaction

1019

00:43:39,410 --> 00:43:36,900

in a mother and a father that looking

1020

00:43:42,829 --> 00:43:39,420

back on it now their 83 year old

1021

00:43:46,130 --> 00:43:42,839

daughter still finds so perplexing

1022

00:43:48,829 --> 00:43:46,140

what words indeed were uttered on The

1023

00:43:52,870 --> 00:43:48,839

Veranda of that weatherbought house all

1024

00:43:56,329 --> 00:43:52,880

those years ago and why

1025

00:43:58,250 --> 00:43:56,339

and for the 83 year old daughter who

1026

00:44:02,089 --> 00:43:58,260

told me this story

1027

00:44:05,510 --> 00:44:02,099

it was a very poignant story for her

1028

00:44:08,089 --> 00:44:05,520

of course her parents had passed away

1029

00:44:10,790 --> 00:44:08,099

um but for her she was also a witness

1030

00:44:12,950 --> 00:44:10,800

herself to the Flying Saucer because she

1031

00:44:15,770 --> 00:44:12,960

had been in the front garden of that

1032

00:44:18,950 --> 00:44:15,780

house tending the Roses

1033

00:44:21,770 --> 00:44:18,960

when she saw this object fly in

1034

00:44:24,530 --> 00:44:21,780

she short saw it fly in she saw it

1035

00:44:27,589 --> 00:44:24,540

calmed down she saw it land

1036

00:44:30,370 --> 00:44:27,599

and after a short passage of time had

1037

00:44:34,210 --> 00:44:30,380

passed she saw it lift up

1038

00:44:37,670 --> 00:44:34,220

silently without making any sound

1039

00:44:38,630 --> 00:44:37,680

causing any reverberations causing any

1040

00:44:42,349 --> 00:44:38,640

wind

1041

00:44:44,690 --> 00:44:42,359

lift up and fly away at great speed

1042

00:44:47,630 --> 00:44:44,700

and so that's something that happened

1043

00:44:49,670 --> 00:44:47,640

was in no doubt for her she'd been a

1044

00:44:52,130 --> 00:44:49,680

primary Witness

1045

00:44:54,250 --> 00:44:52,140

and then she had to put up with this

1046

00:44:57,410 --> 00:44:54,260

knowledge that people had come around

1047

00:44:58,790 --> 00:44:57,420

and spooked her family spooked her own

1048

00:45:00,170 --> 00:44:58,800

mum and dad

1049

00:45:03,349 --> 00:45:00,180

and

1050

00:45:05,030 --> 00:45:03,359

left this situation in which she could

1051  
00:45:07,609 --> 00:45:05,040  
no longer talk to her mum and dad about

1052  
00:45:09,530 --> 00:45:07,619  
what she had seen and what so many

1053  
00:45:12,230 --> 00:45:09,540  
others at westel had seen

1054  
00:45:13,730 --> 00:45:12,240  
because her mother and father had been

1055  
00:45:15,770 --> 00:45:13,740  
warned off

1056  
00:45:18,650 --> 00:45:15,780  
and even in the privacy of their home

1057  
00:45:20,030 --> 00:45:18,660  
the privacy of their family unit would

1058  
00:45:22,910 --> 00:45:20,040  
not talk about it

1059  
00:45:25,609 --> 00:45:22,920  
and this idea of of something being able

1060  
00:45:27,589 --> 00:45:25,619  
to be kept silent for so long was

1061  
00:45:29,630 --> 00:45:27,599  
something that at the beginning I was a

1062  
00:45:31,550 --> 00:45:29,640  
bit skeptical of I I thought well come

1063  
00:45:34,250 --> 00:45:31,560

on you know if something happened so

1064

00:45:36,050 --> 00:45:34,260

long ago even if you're told not to talk

1065

00:45:38,569 --> 00:45:36,060

about it shortly after the passage of

1066

00:45:39,589 --> 00:45:38,579

time you would think it's okay to talk

1067

00:45:41,510 --> 00:45:39,599

about it

1068

00:45:44,450 --> 00:45:41,520

but at around the same time I was

1069

00:45:47,030 --> 00:45:44,460

contacted by the daughter of one of the

1070

00:45:48,710 --> 00:45:47,040

teachers at West or state school the

1071

00:45:51,170 --> 00:45:48,720

primary school next door

1072

00:45:52,849 --> 00:45:51,180

and she had seen some media about the

1073

00:45:55,730 --> 00:45:52,859

westel incident that I had been involved

1074

00:45:56,809 --> 00:45:55,740

in on TV and she contacted me to say

1075

00:45:59,390 --> 00:45:56,819

Shane

1076  
00:46:01,190 --> 00:45:59,400  
my mum was one of the teachers at West

1077  
00:46:05,150 --> 00:46:01,200  
or state school that day

1078  
00:46:06,950 --> 00:46:05,160  
and we knew nothing about it we did not

1079  
00:46:09,609 --> 00:46:06,960  
know that my mother had been there that

1080  
00:46:14,089 --> 00:46:09,619  
day and had been a witness my mother

1081  
00:46:16,430 --> 00:46:14,099  
kept silent about it all these years and

1082  
00:46:18,470 --> 00:46:16,440  
her mother only talked to the family

1083  
00:46:22,010 --> 00:46:18,480  
about it after she had seen the west or

1084  
00:46:25,190 --> 00:46:22,020  
66 documentary the one that Rosie Jones

1085  
00:46:27,470 --> 00:46:25,200  
made and aired on television in 2010 so

1086  
00:46:29,690 --> 00:46:27,480  
her mum had seen this at some point and

1087  
00:46:32,270 --> 00:46:29,700  
she finally opened up about being there

1088  
00:46:35,510 --> 00:46:32,280

that day she hadn't even talked to her

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00:46:37,970 --> 00:46:35,520

husband about it and she told the story

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00:46:40,190 --> 00:46:37,980

of the kids rushing into her classroom

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00:46:42,349 --> 00:46:40,200

from outside the kids were on recess at

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00:46:44,809 --> 00:46:42,359

the primary school talking about the

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00:46:46,790 --> 00:46:44,819

flying saucers the flying sources and she

1094

00:46:48,950 --> 00:46:46,800

rushed outside and even though she

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00:46:52,250 --> 00:46:48,960

didn't see the object herself she saw

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00:46:54,170 --> 00:46:52,260

this huge area of flattened grass in a

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00:46:57,470 --> 00:46:54,180

nearby Paddock

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00:47:00,109 --> 00:46:57,480

it seemed to be bubbling somehow seemed

1099

00:47:02,150 --> 00:47:00,119

to be affected somehow by whatever had

1100

00:47:05,750 --> 00:47:02,160

sat on top of it

1101

00:47:08,450 --> 00:47:05,760

she saw the effect it had on all of the

1102

00:47:10,309 --> 00:47:08,460

kids the kids were some of them were

1103

00:47:12,109 --> 00:47:10,319

hysterical some of them were frightened

1104

00:47:13,910 --> 00:47:12,119

some of them were anxious

1105

00:47:17,630 --> 00:47:13,920

and the next day

1106

00:47:21,410 --> 00:47:17,640

the entire teacher community at the

1107

00:47:24,650 --> 00:47:21,420

school was spoken to by again two men

1108

00:47:26,030 --> 00:47:24,660

in suits not in uniform from the

1109

00:47:27,170 --> 00:47:26,040

government she didn't know where they

1110

00:47:29,750 --> 00:47:27,180

were from

1111

00:47:31,849 --> 00:47:29,760

but the two men said this is the stay at

1112

00:47:35,510 --> 00:47:31,859

westall you're not to talk about this

1113

00:47:37,970 --> 00:47:35,520

and if you do you're all be in danger of

1114

00:47:42,170 --> 00:47:37,980

losing your employment

1115

00:47:45,650 --> 00:47:42,180

and she kept her silence all those years

1116

00:47:47,450 --> 00:47:45,660

not even telling her husband

1117

00:47:49,849 --> 00:47:47,460

amazing

1118

00:47:51,349 --> 00:47:49,859

what for you has been because it sounds

1119

00:47:53,329 --> 00:47:51,359

to me from what you've told there are

1120

00:47:55,609 --> 00:47:53,339

some fascinating stories of of the

1121

00:47:57,230 --> 00:47:55,619

aftermath of the incident where in the

1122

00:47:59,750 --> 00:47:57,240

the weeks proceeding

1123

00:48:03,230 --> 00:47:59,760

are following the incident that there

1124

00:48:04,550 --> 00:48:03,240

was still people being being shut up you

1125

00:48:06,170 --> 00:48:04,560

know they were they were being told in

1126  
00:48:08,569 --> 00:48:06,180  
no uncertain terms this wasn't something

1127  
00:48:10,790 --> 00:48:08,579  
they were ever going to discuss again

1128  
00:48:13,609 --> 00:48:10,800  
did it then just fizzle out was that

1129  
00:48:16,430 --> 00:48:13,619  
what was the legacy of this event and

1130  
00:48:20,450 --> 00:48:16,440  
how do people in Australia and West All

1131  
00:48:21,589 --> 00:48:20,460  
particularly view the incident now

1132  
00:48:24,470 --> 00:48:21,599  
foreign

1133  
00:48:27,349 --> 00:48:24,480  
I think the Legacy in a way from from

1134  
00:48:29,510 --> 00:48:27,359  
the perspective of whoever it was

1135  
00:48:30,710 --> 00:48:29,520  
that wanted to keep what happened at

1136  
00:48:32,390 --> 00:48:30,720  
westall

1137  
00:48:34,550 --> 00:48:32,400  
Under Wraps

1138  
00:48:35,809 --> 00:48:34,560

to keep what happened at westel at

1139

00:48:38,569 --> 00:48:35,819

westall

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00:48:41,690 --> 00:48:38,579

the Legacy for them was success

1141

00:48:43,309 --> 00:48:41,700

because it did stay under wraps it

1142

00:48:50,270 --> 00:48:43,319

literally

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00:48:51,130 --> 00:48:50,280

once or twice it got written up in a UFO

1144

00:48:54,230 --> 00:48:51,140

book

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00:48:57,230 --> 00:48:54,240

great researchers like Bill Chalker and

1146

00:48:59,930 --> 00:48:57,240

Keith basterfield here in Australia uh

1147

00:49:03,790 --> 00:48:59,940

mention it in their writings but in

1148

00:49:06,530 --> 00:49:03,800

terms of it going into the public

1149

00:49:10,250 --> 00:49:06,540

Marketplace and it being a story that

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00:49:13,250 --> 00:49:10,260

was known about that didn't happen it

1151  
00:49:15,349 --> 00:49:13,260  
really stayed under the carpet

1152  
00:49:18,470 --> 00:49:15,359  
and for the people who wanted that to be

1153  
00:49:20,329 --> 00:49:18,480  
the case they were successful

1154  
00:49:22,190 --> 00:49:20,339  
but

1155  
00:49:24,170 --> 00:49:22,200  
um it's now come out

1156  
00:49:25,490 --> 00:49:24,180  
it's coming out in drips and drapes of

1157  
00:49:27,770 --> 00:49:25,500  
course in terms of the greater public

1158  
00:49:30,050 --> 00:49:27,780  
Marketplace this whole still you know

1159  
00:49:31,370 --> 00:49:30,060  
huge numbers of people in Australia who

1160  
00:49:34,370 --> 00:49:31,380  
have never heard of the story know

1161  
00:49:36,530 --> 00:49:34,380  
nothing about the story for those people

1162  
00:49:39,770 --> 00:49:36,540  
who like us have an interest in this

1163  
00:49:45,050 --> 00:49:39,780

subject area people do know

1164

00:49:48,650 --> 00:49:45,060

but I think now it's become part of this

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00:49:52,010 --> 00:49:48,660

growing and gradual acceptance by more

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00:49:55,430 --> 00:49:52,020

and more people in the community that

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00:49:57,290 --> 00:49:55,440

there is there is a reality there is

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00:49:59,329 --> 00:49:57,300

something that people see

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00:50:02,329 --> 00:49:59,339

that is

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00:50:06,530 --> 00:50:02,339

to some extent inexplicable

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00:50:08,630 --> 00:50:06,540

and I often put it in the

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00:50:14,089 --> 00:50:10,970

in a way in the category of those

1173

00:50:17,809 --> 00:50:14,099

stories that over the years

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00:50:20,270 --> 00:50:17,819

had to be not talked about and we think

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00:50:21,230 --> 00:50:20,280

immediately of things like child sexual

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00:50:22,609 --> 00:50:21,240

abuse

1177

00:50:25,790 --> 00:50:22,619

cases

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00:50:29,150 --> 00:50:25,800

it's something that for the most part as

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00:50:32,329 --> 00:50:29,160

a society up until very recently

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00:50:35,210 --> 00:50:32,339

we either didn't have a great awareness

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00:50:37,069 --> 00:50:35,220

of or if we did it was something we

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00:50:38,690 --> 00:50:37,079

didn't talk about and we didn't think

1183

00:50:42,530 --> 00:50:38,700

about it we didn't want to think about

1184

00:50:44,569 --> 00:50:42,540

it we didn't want to recognize it but in

1185

00:50:46,370 --> 00:50:44,579

more recent years of course in Australia

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00:50:48,770 --> 00:50:46,380

other countries

1187

00:50:49,849 --> 00:50:48,780

the

1188

00:50:52,250 --> 00:50:49,859

um

1189

00:50:55,130 --> 00:50:52,260

this

1190

00:50:57,829 --> 00:50:55,140

systematic and institutional child

1191

00:51:00,230 --> 00:50:57,839

sexual abuse as well as child sexual

1192

00:51:02,329 --> 00:51:00,240

abuse happening within families along

1193

00:51:04,549 --> 00:51:02,339

with more generally domestic violence

1194

00:51:06,109 --> 00:51:04,559

incidents is something that we talk

1195

00:51:08,930 --> 00:51:06,119

about more now it's something that we

1196

00:51:10,970 --> 00:51:08,940

are recognizing and grappling with

1197

00:51:12,770 --> 00:51:10,980

but there were so many perhaps instances

1198

00:51:15,530 --> 00:51:12,780

over the years where children perhaps

1199

00:51:17,690 --> 00:51:15,540

came forward wanting to talk about these

1200

00:51:20,270 --> 00:51:17,700

sorts of things terrible things that had

1201

00:51:22,790 --> 00:51:20,280

happened to them and adults

1202

00:51:25,609 --> 00:51:22,800

wouldn't believe them adults wouldn't

1203

00:51:28,069 --> 00:51:25,619

listen to them and I think now we are

1204

00:51:30,890 --> 00:51:28,079

more prepared to do that please God I

1205

00:51:33,650 --> 00:51:30,900

think that's true and

1206

00:51:35,870 --> 00:51:33,660

and I think these UFO stories sort of

1207

00:51:38,089 --> 00:51:35,880

fit into that category in a way because

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00:51:40,250 --> 00:51:38,099

in the past people would try to talk

1209

00:51:41,450 --> 00:51:40,260

about what they had seen and what had

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00:51:43,190 --> 00:51:41,460

happened to them and people didn't want

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00:51:46,250 --> 00:51:43,200

to know people didn't want to believe

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00:51:48,890 --> 00:51:46,260

and I think now we're more open to it

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00:51:50,690 --> 00:51:48,900

and I think we're more open to the to

1214

00:51:55,069 --> 00:51:50,700

the mystery of it

1215

00:51:59,410 --> 00:51:55,079

and that there's a truth to it and

1216

00:52:02,569 --> 00:51:59,420

and finding out what lies behind it all

1217

00:52:03,290 --> 00:52:02,579

is is a worthwhile thing to be engaged

1218

00:52:05,870 --> 00:52:03,300

in

1219

00:52:07,670 --> 00:52:05,880

and I haven't expressed myself very well

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00:52:10,370 --> 00:52:07,680

but really the main thing I'm trying to

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00:52:11,450 --> 00:52:10,380

say is that it's important to listen to

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00:52:20,569 --> 00:52:11,460

people

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00:52:23,569 --> 00:52:20,579

are

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00:52:27,230 --> 00:52:23,579

and even if their stories that challenge

1225

00:52:29,270 --> 00:52:27,240

our sense of what's possible or of

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00:52:32,270 --> 00:52:29,280

what's true and I think especially if

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00:52:34,910 --> 00:52:32,280

it's those sort of Stories We need to

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00:52:36,349 --> 00:52:34,920

listen to those and particularly their

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00:52:38,750 --> 00:52:36,359

stories that

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00:52:41,210 --> 00:52:38,760

come from a time when

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00:52:43,430 --> 00:52:41,220

people were children and people were

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00:52:44,089 --> 00:52:43,440

vulnerable

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00:52:46,430 --> 00:52:44,099

um

1234

00:52:48,470 --> 00:52:46,440

and I'm very aware that you know I've

1235

00:52:51,170 --> 00:52:48,480

been very fortunate to have had these

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00:52:53,870 --> 00:52:51,180

this experience of being in contact with

1237

00:52:55,490 --> 00:52:53,880

so many of these Western Witnesses I

1238

00:52:57,770 --> 00:52:55,500

mean I'm looking at my figures here on

1239

00:52:59,930 --> 00:52:57,780

my cheat sheet I've been in contact with

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00:53:02,930 --> 00:52:59,940

133 Witnesses

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00:53:06,710 --> 00:53:02,940

who were witnesses to the Flying sources

1242

00:53:09,710 --> 00:53:06,720

and 187 I had to change it recently

1243

00:53:12,049 --> 00:53:09,720

because I had another witness 187 people

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00:53:15,349 --> 00:53:12,059

who were witnesses to the circles or the

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00:53:17,809 --> 00:53:15,359

trace marks left behind and 75 lucky

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00:53:19,309 --> 00:53:17,819

people who were witnesses to both so

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00:53:21,290 --> 00:53:19,319

we're talking about very large numbers

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00:53:23,809 --> 00:53:21,300

of people

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00:53:26,630 --> 00:53:23,819

um and so I've been very lucky to have

1250

00:53:29,030 --> 00:53:26,640

this contact with so many people

1251

00:53:32,030 --> 00:53:29,040

um and they've been telling me stories

1252

00:53:35,329 --> 00:53:32,040

that have very much challenged my own

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00:53:38,510 --> 00:53:35,339

ideas of what is true and what is

1254

00:53:39,829 --> 00:53:38,520

possible and how the world works or is

1255

00:53:43,730 --> 00:53:39,839

supposed to work

1256

00:53:46,490 --> 00:53:43,740

and I think this experience has very

1257

00:53:48,589 --> 00:53:46,500

much changed me as it's changed the

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00:53:50,809 --> 00:53:48,599

witnesses as well

1259

00:53:52,549 --> 00:53:50,819

Shane I know it's very late where you

1260

00:53:54,290 --> 00:53:52,559

are and it's very early where I am I'm

1261

00:53:55,609 --> 00:53:54,300

just starting my day if you've got a few

1262

00:53:57,770 --> 00:53:55,619

minutes just to finish off with some

1263

00:53:59,390 --> 00:53:57,780

listener questions and maybe a few

1264

00:54:00,770 --> 00:53:59,400

things I've not managed to touch on in

1265

00:54:02,809 --> 00:54:00,780

the body of the interview we can get

1266

00:54:05,569 --> 00:54:02,819

through them as quickly as we can a

1267

00:54:07,309 --> 00:54:05,579

quick question from gnosis he asks are

1268

00:54:09,349 --> 00:54:07,319

you aware of any of the West all

1269

00:54:12,049 --> 00:54:09,359

Witnesses having other sightings or

1270

00:54:15,530 --> 00:54:12,059

experiences either prior to the event or

1271

00:54:22,549 --> 00:54:19,750

to for the most part not really although

1272

00:54:24,470 --> 00:54:22,559

there's a couple of there's one witness

1273

00:54:26,870 --> 00:54:24,480

in particular who his name was Victor

1274

00:54:28,670 --> 00:54:26,880

and he was the fellow who jumped the

1275

00:54:31,250 --> 00:54:28,680

western boundary fence off the high

1276

00:54:33,109 --> 00:54:31,260

school and walked up to one of the two

1277

00:54:35,930 --> 00:54:33,119

flying sources that was seen hovering

1278

00:54:37,549 --> 00:54:35,940

above the paddock next to the school and

1279

00:54:40,130 --> 00:54:37,559

went to put his hand out to touch one

1280

00:54:42,470 --> 00:54:40,140

drew his hand back because it was too

1281

00:54:45,710 --> 00:54:42,480

warm and then watched as the objects

1282

00:54:46,910 --> 00:54:45,720

ascended and flew away and there are a

1283

00:54:49,010 --> 00:54:46,920

couple of other Witnesses adult

1284

00:54:52,069 --> 00:54:49,020

Witnesses in fact who in part

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00:54:54,710 --> 00:54:52,079

corroborate that scene from Vantage

1286

00:54:57,470 --> 00:54:54,720

points near where Victor was standing

1287

00:54:59,870 --> 00:54:57,480

but he tells the story of having seen an

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00:55:02,930 --> 00:54:59,880

object very similar to the two objects

1289

00:55:04,910 --> 00:55:02,940

he saw that day at the Grange a couple

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00:55:08,089 --> 00:55:04,920

of years before

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00:55:09,589 --> 00:55:08,099

and in the days after westall I have

1292

00:55:12,410 --> 00:55:09,599

several witnesses who from different

1293

00:55:15,589 --> 00:55:12,420

Vantage points around westall from their

1294

00:55:17,750 --> 00:55:15,599

homes or neighboring streets saw the

1295

00:55:20,990 --> 00:55:17,760

same object that was seen at westel on

1296

00:55:24,230 --> 00:55:21,000

the 6th of April in those days following

1297

00:55:28,430 --> 00:55:24,240

and and so that's part of the story as

1298

00:55:33,950 --> 00:55:31,549

um ongoing experiences

1299

00:55:35,809 --> 00:55:33,960

um um not really that's sort of the

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00:55:38,809 --> 00:55:35,819

extent of it but look I'm very aware

1301

00:55:41,390 --> 00:55:38,819

that there were 485 students at westall

1302

00:55:44,390 --> 00:55:41,400

high school that day and I've been in

1303

00:55:46,609 --> 00:55:44,400

contact with 224 of them so I've been in

1304

00:55:49,069 --> 00:55:46,619

contact with a lot but I haven't been in

1305

00:55:51,170 --> 00:55:49,079

contact with everybody and it's possible

1306

00:55:53,170 --> 00:55:51,180

that some of the people who are most

1307

00:55:56,470 --> 00:55:53,180

reluctant to come forward

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00:55:59,089 --> 00:55:56,480

uh are people who have had perhaps

1309

00:56:01,430 --> 00:55:59,099

experiences of a different type perhaps

1310

00:56:04,370 --> 00:56:01,440

slightly more traumatic or or slightly

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00:56:07,309 --> 00:56:04,380

more worrying one of the witnesses John

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00:56:11,690 --> 00:56:07,319

who is one of the very few people who is

1313

00:56:14,930 --> 00:56:11,700

adamant he saw a being come out of one

1314

00:56:18,710 --> 00:56:14,940

of the objects at the grains as he was

1315

00:56:22,430 --> 00:56:18,720

hiding behind bushes watching it took

1316

00:56:24,349 --> 00:56:22,440

years for him to make contact with me

1317

00:56:26,569 --> 00:56:24,359

um and still to this day he's very

1318

00:56:29,809 --> 00:56:26,579

reluctant to talk about his story

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00:56:32,089 --> 00:56:29,819

so I'm very conscious that there's

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00:56:34,430 --> 00:56:32,099

probably a lot more out there

1321

00:56:36,349 --> 00:56:34,440

that I'm not aware of

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00:56:38,089 --> 00:56:36,359

and I'm very open to hearing those

1323

00:56:39,890 --> 00:56:38,099

stories as well

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00:56:41,510 --> 00:56:39,900

well the country with the third highest

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00:56:43,250 --> 00:56:41,520

listener ship for this podcast is

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00:56:44,750 --> 00:56:43,260

Australia so hello to all the Australian

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00:56:47,809 --> 00:56:44,760

listeners out there

1328

00:56:50,210 --> 00:56:47,819

um if you and we only have 2016.

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00:56:51,950 --> 00:56:50,220

well there you go yeah it's about

1330

00:56:54,530 --> 00:56:51,960

quality not quantity

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00:56:56,450 --> 00:56:54,540

as as get in touch with Shane and

1332

00:56:58,250 --> 00:56:56,460

obviously let him know if if you know of

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00:56:59,630 --> 00:56:58,260

or maybe you were one of those students

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00:57:00,890 --> 00:56:59,640

on that day

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00:57:02,569 --> 00:57:00,900

um to to kind of get that information

1336

00:57:04,370 --> 00:57:02,579

out there Shane would be gratefully

1337

00:57:06,170 --> 00:57:04,380

accepting of you getting in touch with

1338

00:57:07,490 --> 00:57:06,180

him I'm sure and his contact details

1339

00:57:09,589 --> 00:57:07,500

will be in the description to the

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00:57:11,210 --> 00:57:09,599

podcast too so make sure you check that

1341

00:57:13,010 --> 00:57:11,220

for for those

1342

00:57:15,170 --> 00:57:13,020

um a question from Newman you mentioned

1343

00:57:17,150 --> 00:57:15,180

Victor approach The Craft

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00:57:19,790 --> 00:57:17,160

um did Victor or any others report

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00:57:21,950 --> 00:57:19,800

symbols or hieroglyphics or any details

1346

00:57:23,990 --> 00:57:21,960

on the UFOs or the flying sources

1347

00:57:26,450 --> 00:57:24,000

themselves similar to what we hear from

1348

00:57:28,849 --> 00:57:26,460

rendersham for example

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00:57:31,670 --> 00:57:28,859

I know wouldn't that be grateful to have

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00:57:34,790 --> 00:57:31,680

some sort of lettering on the craft be

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00:57:37,670 --> 00:57:34,800

it uh Egyptian or Sumerian or

1352

00:57:39,710 --> 00:57:37,680

anything would be fantastic yeah

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00:57:41,030 --> 00:57:39,720

anything would be great

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00:57:42,890 --> 00:57:41,040

um but no to take that question

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00:57:44,329 --> 00:57:42,900

seriously I don't mean to make light of

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00:57:46,370 --> 00:57:44,339

it at all

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00:57:49,010 --> 00:57:46,380

um most of the witnesses almost to a

1358

00:57:51,109 --> 00:57:49,020

person talk about there being nothing on

1359

00:57:53,270 --> 00:57:51,119

the craft that they could see now most

1360

00:57:55,549 --> 00:57:53,280

people weren't close enough to perhaps

1361

00:57:57,950 --> 00:57:55,559

see something like that but for those

1362

00:58:00,589 --> 00:57:57,960

who were they almost to a person

1363

00:58:06,109 --> 00:58:00,599

describe it as being

1364

00:58:09,650 --> 00:58:06,119

um smooth without any joins or nuts or

1365

00:58:11,750 --> 00:58:09,660

rivets or indentations or anything like

1366

00:58:15,530 --> 00:58:11,760

that and and nothing in terms of

1367

00:58:21,589 --> 00:58:15,540

labeling or lettering or signage or

1368

00:58:23,030 --> 00:58:21,599

symbols or colors uh no unfortunately if

1369

00:58:25,670 --> 00:58:23,040

there had been it perhaps it would have

1370

00:58:27,950 --> 00:58:25,680

changed the whole story

1371

00:58:30,530 --> 00:58:27,960

um but nothing like as you say has been

1372

00:58:33,890 --> 00:58:30,540

reported by Summit rendelsham or the

1373

00:58:36,170 --> 00:58:33,900

incident at Socorro or other incidents

1374

00:58:38,089 --> 00:58:36,180

over the years around the world now

1375

00:58:40,430 --> 00:58:38,099

it's a very human thing to label

1376

00:58:42,710 --> 00:58:40,440

everything and and you know drawn it map

1377

00:58:45,049 --> 00:58:42,720

Things label the outside of craft that

1378

00:58:47,329 --> 00:58:45,059

we have and in some way shape or form so

1379

00:58:49,789 --> 00:58:47,339

it's almost more unsettling more of

1380

00:58:51,890 --> 00:58:49,799

non-human property to have something

1381

00:58:54,710 --> 00:58:51,900

completely unlabeled as you see no

1382

00:58:57,650 --> 00:58:54,720

rivets no joins just completely metallic

1383

00:58:59,630 --> 00:58:57,660

and as simple as that so yeah I'm always

1384

00:59:01,250 --> 00:58:59,640

open to hearing any of those sorts of

1385

00:59:02,210 --> 00:59:01,260

sorts of details if they're if they're

1386

00:59:04,849 --> 00:59:02,220

there

1387

00:59:07,430 --> 00:59:04,859

um question from Gregory Gregory asks um

1388

00:59:09,530 --> 00:59:07,440

have you heard of the Fantastic book by

1389

00:59:12,170 --> 00:59:09,540

Preston Dennett schoolyard UFO

1390

00:59:13,730 --> 00:59:12,180

encounters it's a compilation of various

1391

00:59:15,710 --> 00:59:13,740

newspapers accounts chronicling

1392

00:59:18,589 --> 00:59:15,720

schoolyard appearances and schoolyard

1393

00:59:20,809 --> 00:59:18,599

Landings of UFOs going well back over

1394

00:59:23,870 --> 00:59:20,819

100 years

1395

00:59:26,990 --> 00:59:23,880

I was going to mention Preston Dennett

1396

00:59:29,270 --> 00:59:27,000

that is the most wonderful book what an

1397

00:59:32,150 --> 00:59:29,280

amazing effort he has done compiling

1398

00:59:33,710 --> 00:59:32,160

more than 100 stories westel's in there

1399

00:59:35,630 --> 00:59:33,720

as well of course and Preston I have

1400

00:59:38,030 --> 00:59:35,640

been in contact with each other over the

1401  
00:59:40,789 --> 00:59:38,040  
years and he keeps nudging me about

1402  
00:59:43,190 --> 00:59:40,799  
finally finishing my book that I am

1403  
00:59:45,349 --> 00:59:43,200  
trying to write on westall

1404  
00:59:47,210 --> 00:59:45,359  
um and he's done an amazing amount of

1405  
00:59:50,750 --> 00:59:47,220  
research and one of the other stories

1406  
00:59:52,309 --> 00:59:50,760  
that he has included in in his book is

1407  
00:59:55,069 --> 00:59:52,319  
partly

1408  
00:59:57,589 --> 00:59:55,079  
um because it's the other story that I

1409  
00:59:59,870 --> 00:59:57,599  
have taken up as a personal area of

1410  
01:00:01,970 --> 00:59:59,880  
research for me and again it's another

1411  
01:00:04,490 --> 01:00:01,980  
story that's not well known at all

1412  
01:00:06,230 --> 01:00:04,500  
particularly in its home country and

1413  
01:00:09,890 --> 01:00:06,240

that's the Crestview Elementary School

1414

01:00:13,849 --> 01:00:09,900

incident which happened exactly a year

1415

01:00:17,329 --> 01:00:13,859

to the day one year after westall the

1416

01:00:19,849 --> 01:00:17,339

6th of April 1967 spread over three days

1417

01:00:22,789 --> 01:00:19,859

a little bit like westall was for some

1418

01:00:25,190 --> 01:00:22,799

people and and it has so many elements

1419

01:00:27,950 --> 01:00:25,200

that it shares with the west or story

1420

01:00:30,710 --> 01:00:27,960

kids students the Air Force being

1421

01:00:34,309 --> 01:00:30,720

involved the craft flying in and around

1422

01:00:35,650 --> 01:00:34,319

pine trees a field a paddock next to the

1423

01:00:38,329 --> 01:00:35,660

school

1424

01:00:41,150 --> 01:00:38,339

and it's a story that's almost

1425

01:00:42,950 --> 01:00:41,160

completely unknown and I've been in

1426

01:00:45,410 --> 01:00:42,960

touch over the years with many of the

1427

01:00:47,450 --> 01:00:45,420

kids now adults who were there at that

1428

01:00:50,750 --> 01:00:47,460

school in the suburbs of Miami by the

1429

01:00:53,569 --> 01:00:50,760

way about 20 kilometers north north west

1430

01:00:56,750 --> 01:00:53,579

of the Miami CBD

1431

01:00:59,510 --> 01:00:56,760

and none of those Witnesses have been

1432

01:01:01,490 --> 01:00:59,520

interviewed as adults it's only my

1433

01:01:02,569 --> 01:01:01,500

contact with them mostly by email over

1434

01:01:05,030 --> 01:01:02,579

the years

1435

01:01:06,829 --> 01:01:05,040

and I was very fortunate to be able to

1436

01:01:10,130 --> 01:01:06,839

convince the Discovery Channel Canada

1437

01:01:13,849 --> 01:01:10,140

people who made a series called Close

1438

01:01:15,770 --> 01:01:13,859

Encounters several years ago and they

1439

01:01:19,490 --> 01:01:15,780

included both the west or story and the

1440

01:01:21,230 --> 01:01:19,500

Crestview story in their episodes and

1441

01:01:23,329 --> 01:01:21,240

that has aired on TV in various

1442

01:01:25,370 --> 01:01:23,339

countries around around the world

1443

01:01:27,410 --> 01:01:25,380

but apart from that there's been very

1444

01:01:30,710 --> 01:01:27,420

little focus on that particular incident

1445

01:01:33,170 --> 01:01:30,720

and I love it because it has so many

1446

01:01:36,230 --> 01:01:33,180

common elements width and reverberations

1447

01:01:38,470 --> 01:01:36,240

from the westal incident and the fact

1448

01:01:41,150 --> 01:01:38,480

that it happened a year to the day

1449

01:01:42,530 --> 01:01:41,160

afterwards it makes you wonder if you

1450

01:01:44,750 --> 01:01:42,540

know whatever is behind the UFO

1451

01:01:47,030 --> 01:01:44,760

phenomena has its sort of finger on a

1452

01:01:48,950 --> 01:01:47,040

calendar or a diary or you know what's

1453

01:01:52,670 --> 01:01:48,960

going on down here on Earth in terms of

1454

01:01:54,710 --> 01:01:52,680

time and chronology it's just crazy

1455

01:01:58,329 --> 01:01:54,720

um and other great school-based stories

1456

01:02:00,950 --> 01:01:58,339

I'm very interested in as well the 1977

1457

01:02:03,230 --> 01:02:00,960

broadhaven County Primary School

1458

01:02:04,370 --> 01:02:03,240

incident in pembrokes here in Wales of

1459

01:02:07,849 --> 01:02:04,380

course that you would well know about

1460

01:02:11,329 --> 01:02:07,859

obviously the real one from 1994 in

1461

01:02:13,609 --> 01:02:11,339

Zimbabwe and because of my research I've

1462

01:02:15,890 --> 01:02:13,619

come across these other stories that

1463

01:02:18,230 --> 01:02:15,900

have happened in Australia associated

1464

01:02:20,569 --> 01:02:18,240

with schools as well

1465

01:02:22,490 --> 01:02:20,579

Gregory added to that do you think it's

1466

01:02:24,770 --> 01:02:22,500

possible that aliens or non-human

1467

01:02:26,990 --> 01:02:24,780

intelligencies might be less concerned

1468

01:02:29,150 --> 01:02:27,000

about their own safety appearing face to

1469

01:02:31,670 --> 01:02:29,160

face or in close proximity to Children

1470

01:02:33,890 --> 01:02:31,680

rather with adults and is that the

1471

01:02:36,589 --> 01:02:33,900

reason these things tend to land and

1472

01:02:38,690 --> 01:02:36,599

appear so close to schools

1473

01:02:40,910 --> 01:02:38,700

and of course that's a really important

1474

01:02:44,750 --> 01:02:40,920

question and you know is it aliens

1475

01:02:47,270 --> 01:02:44,760

that's behind UFOs is it some sort of

1476

01:02:49,010 --> 01:02:47,280

non-human intelligence or is it

1477

01:02:50,390 --> 01:02:49,020

something completely different that we

1478

01:02:53,510 --> 01:02:50,400

haven't thought of yet haven't dreamed

1479

01:02:55,250 --> 01:02:53,520

of yet is it us coming back from the

1480

01:02:57,230 --> 01:02:55,260

future

1481

01:02:59,930 --> 01:02:57,240

um is it some other planetary species

1482

01:03:01,670 --> 01:02:59,940

coming back from their future I like the

1483

01:03:03,470 --> 01:03:01,680

idea of it being us coming back from our

1484

01:03:05,569 --> 01:03:03,480

future because that's sort of more

1485

01:03:08,150 --> 01:03:05,579

hope-filled in a way it means that hey

1486

01:03:09,890 --> 01:03:08,160

we survive we actually get out of this

1487

01:03:12,890 --> 01:03:09,900

mess this morass that we're in at the

1488

01:03:16,490 --> 01:03:12,900

moment and and we make it

1489

01:03:18,890 --> 01:03:16,500

um but in terms of the contact with

1490

01:03:22,250 --> 01:03:18,900

children you sort of have to wonder

1491

01:03:24,170 --> 01:03:22,260

is some sort of message being sowed is

1492

01:03:27,530 --> 01:03:24,180

some sort of Consciousness in our

1493

01:03:29,809 --> 01:03:27,540

society being raised over many years

1494

01:03:31,490 --> 01:03:29,819

over decades through these incidents

1495

01:03:32,990 --> 01:03:31,500

that have happened over many years and

1496

01:03:36,109 --> 01:03:33,000

decades

1497

01:03:38,569 --> 01:03:36,119

through the lives of children and as

1498

01:03:40,849 --> 01:03:38,579

they grow up and become adults and they

1499

01:03:42,950 --> 01:03:40,859

share the story and and people like you

1500

01:03:46,910 --> 01:03:42,960

and me come along and research the

1501  
01:03:49,190 --> 01:03:46,920  
stories and and the word goes out and

1502  
01:03:52,250 --> 01:03:49,200  
is that part of what this is all about

1503  
01:03:55,069 --> 01:03:52,260  
is it sort of a messaging that's been

1504  
01:03:57,890 --> 01:03:55,079  
very gently and in a way deliberately

1505  
01:03:59,809 --> 01:03:57,900  
managed

1506  
01:04:02,329 --> 01:03:59,819  
um I don't know of course I don't know

1507  
01:04:05,329 --> 01:04:02,339  
but we have to think about all these

1508  
01:04:06,770 --> 01:04:05,339  
things and and wonder about it

1509  
01:04:09,049 --> 01:04:06,780  
um

1510  
01:04:11,089 --> 01:04:09,059  
yeah I don't know but it's a great thing

1511  
01:04:13,490 --> 01:04:11,099  
to to wonder about isn't it

1512  
01:04:15,589 --> 01:04:13,500  
and finally from Melanie and she's been

1513  
01:04:17,809 --> 01:04:15,599

fascinated by the us being involved in

1514

01:04:20,030 --> 01:04:17,819

so many UFO and alien events that

1515

01:04:22,250 --> 01:04:20,040

happened outside of its borders for

1516

01:04:24,470 --> 01:04:22,260

example suggestion suggestions that the

1517

01:04:26,930 --> 01:04:24,480

U.S collected everything from the

1518

01:04:29,089 --> 01:04:26,940

Virginia case in Brazil and she wonders

1519

01:04:31,789 --> 01:04:29,099

is there any evidence that the US got

1520

01:04:35,690 --> 01:04:31,799

involved in the west all event

1521

01:04:38,210 --> 01:04:35,700

those darned Americans gosh well I know

1522

01:04:40,309 --> 01:04:38,220

it's something that we worry about it's

1523

01:04:42,170 --> 01:04:40,319

something I worry about my good friend

1524

01:04:44,210 --> 01:04:42,180

Ross called heart who I know you know

1525

01:04:45,710 --> 01:04:44,220

very well of course

1526

01:04:50,030 --> 01:04:45,720

um he's done a lot of great work in this

1527

01:04:51,890 --> 01:04:50,040

area and Ross contacted me years ago and

1528

01:04:53,569 --> 01:04:51,900

started talking to me about about

1529

01:04:56,809 --> 01:04:53,579

westall and it turned out that we both

1530

01:04:59,569 --> 01:04:56,819

had a very important witness that we

1531

01:05:02,210 --> 01:04:59,579

both knew who said a very interesting

1532

01:05:03,950 --> 01:05:02,220

light on the whole westall case and the

1533

01:05:06,950 --> 01:05:03,960

fact that the Australian government at

1534

01:05:09,890 --> 01:05:06,960

the time took a very very deep interest

1535

01:05:11,170 --> 01:05:09,900

in what happened at westall and this man

1536

01:05:15,289 --> 01:05:11,180

that we both

1537

01:05:16,730 --> 01:05:15,299

knew of who's now deceased but Ross

1538

01:05:19,490 --> 01:05:16,740

knows his son and I've been in contact

1539

01:05:22,490 --> 01:05:19,500

with his son this man was the fourth

1540

01:05:23,930 --> 01:05:22,500

highest ranking public servant in this

1541

01:05:25,970 --> 01:05:23,940

huge and very important government

1542

01:05:28,490 --> 01:05:25,980

Department called the department of

1543

01:05:31,130 --> 01:05:28,500

Supply which was charged with providing

1544

01:05:33,109 --> 01:05:31,140

Australia's Army Navy and Air Force with

1545

01:05:36,289 --> 01:05:33,119

everything it needed that Munitions and

1546

01:05:38,569 --> 01:05:36,299

uniforms and weapons and everything and

1547

01:05:41,030 --> 01:05:38,579

this man was a very intelligent man and

1548

01:05:42,530 --> 01:05:41,040

was in charge of that part of the

1549

01:05:46,190 --> 01:05:42,540

Department of Supply that dealt with

1550

01:05:48,710 --> 01:05:46,200

aircraft and guided weapons and he was

1551  
01:05:50,750 --> 01:05:48,720  
charged with the responsibility of

1552  
01:05:53,510 --> 01:05:50,760  
writing the report into what had

1553  
01:05:56,210 --> 01:05:53,520  
happened at westall a secret report and

1554  
01:05:58,609 --> 01:05:56,220  
he got picked up several times that week

1555  
01:06:00,289 --> 01:05:58,619  
from his home in Melbourne and driven

1556  
01:06:02,809 --> 01:06:00,299  
not to his office in the center of

1557  
01:06:05,390 --> 01:06:02,819  
Melbourne but out to westall

1558  
01:06:07,609 --> 01:06:05,400  
and he wrote that report

1559  
01:06:10,490 --> 01:06:07,619  
his son saw him right at around the

1560  
01:06:12,049 --> 01:06:10,500  
kitchen table and that report presumably

1561  
01:06:14,930 --> 01:06:12,059  
went to government

1562  
01:06:17,210 --> 01:06:14,940  
and possibly he created another copy of

1563  
01:06:19,490 --> 01:06:17,220

that report which he kept for himself

1564

01:06:21,890 --> 01:06:19,500

and he gave instructions to his wife

1565

01:06:24,410 --> 01:06:21,900

that on his death those sorts of papers

1566

01:06:27,170 --> 01:06:24,420

potentially including that sequel westal

1567

01:06:30,529 --> 01:06:27,180

report go into the incinerator upon his

1568

01:06:32,690 --> 01:06:30,539

death and after he died in 1970 very

1569

01:06:34,910 --> 01:06:32,700

suddenly that's exactly what happened

1570

01:06:37,549 --> 01:06:34,920

apparently his wife put those papers

1571

01:06:39,589 --> 01:06:37,559

into the incinerator in the backyard and

1572

01:06:41,809 --> 01:06:39,599

they have stood out the front of that

1573

01:06:45,349 --> 01:06:41,819

house here in Canberra where that family

1574

01:06:48,230 --> 01:06:45,359

lived peered into the backyard and just

1575

01:06:50,990 --> 01:06:48,240

imagined that that day and just wished I

1576

01:06:53,690 --> 01:06:51,000

could have been there that day in 1970

1577

01:06:56,690 --> 01:06:53,700

and stopped those papers going into the

1578

01:06:59,329 --> 01:06:56,700

incinerator and spoken to that man about

1579

01:07:00,970 --> 01:06:59,339

what he saw at westall and what went

1580

01:07:04,730 --> 01:07:00,980

into that report

1581

01:07:06,650 --> 01:07:04,740

and is it the fact that the reason we

1582

01:07:09,109 --> 01:07:06,660

can't find that report or any other

1583

01:07:11,750 --> 01:07:09,119

official information about westall in

1584

01:07:14,630 --> 01:07:11,760

the Australian government files in the

1585

01:07:17,150 --> 01:07:14,640

National Archives is it because those

1586

01:07:19,490 --> 01:07:17,160

papers have been sent somewhere else are

1587

01:07:21,950 --> 01:07:19,500

they over in Washington or are they in

1588

01:07:24,529 --> 01:07:21,960

London or are they somewhere here in

1589

01:07:26,510 --> 01:07:24,539

Canberra as well but in some deep dark

1590

01:07:28,549 --> 01:07:26,520

file that no Freedom of Information

1591

01:07:32,150 --> 01:07:28,559

application is ever going to touch

1592

01:07:34,309 --> 01:07:32,160

because of ongoing and enduring National

1593

01:07:36,829 --> 01:07:34,319

Security concerns

1594

01:07:39,049 --> 01:07:36,839

but you know Australia likes to share

1595

01:07:42,470 --> 01:07:39,059

things with its friends especially its

1596

01:07:44,630 --> 01:07:42,480

five eyes friends especially the US

1597

01:07:47,029 --> 01:07:44,640

and sometimes Australia I think's been

1598

01:07:49,130 --> 01:07:47,039

lent on over the years by some of those

1599

01:07:52,910 --> 01:07:49,140

five eyes friends again especially

1600

01:07:54,770 --> 01:07:52,920

probably the us as the senior partner

1601  
01:07:55,970 --> 01:07:54,780  
um to make sure it hands over that sort

1602  
01:07:58,490 --> 01:07:55,980  
of information

1603  
01:08:01,789 --> 01:07:58,500  
as the senior partner that's over the

1604  
01:08:04,789 --> 01:08:01,799  
years taken the lead uh either publicly

1605  
01:08:05,870 --> 01:08:04,799  
or not so publicly in this area of

1606  
01:08:08,510 --> 01:08:05,880  
research

1607  
01:08:10,490 --> 01:08:08,520  
and so it wouldn't surprise me at all

1608  
01:08:11,750 --> 01:08:10,500  
that there's some information about

1609  
01:08:14,510 --> 01:08:11,760  
westall

1610  
01:08:15,710 --> 01:08:14,520  
in another country and maybe somewhere

1611  
01:08:18,650 --> 01:08:15,720  
in the US

1612  
01:08:22,130 --> 01:08:18,660  
and maybe the really important solution

1613  
01:08:24,709 --> 01:08:22,140

to what happened at westall is there and

1614

01:08:27,110 --> 01:08:24,719

not here but you know as an Aussie

1615

01:08:28,729 --> 01:08:27,120

living here in Canberra I really hope

1616

01:08:32,030 --> 01:08:28,739

there's still something here in Canberra

1617

01:08:33,650 --> 01:08:32,040

and that one day whether it's me or

1618

01:08:36,709 --> 01:08:33,660

someone else we'll be able to knock on

1619

01:08:39,050 --> 01:08:36,719

just that right door and unearth it or

1620

01:08:41,930 --> 01:08:39,060

that somebody who might miraculously

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01:08:43,610 --> 01:08:41,940

still be alive after all these years and

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01:08:47,150 --> 01:08:43,620

still have their wits about them after

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01:08:49,130 --> 01:08:47,160

all these years who either was involved

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01:08:52,249 --> 01:08:49,140

at westall that day

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01:08:53,990 --> 01:08:52,259

in an official capacity be it military

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01:08:57,890 --> 01:08:54,000

or intelligence

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or has some link to someone who was

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01:09:04,010 --> 01:09:00,839

that they'll do the right thing

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01:09:06,349 --> 01:09:04,020

and step forward and talk about what

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01:09:09,070 --> 01:09:06,359

happened 56 years ago because surely

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01:09:12,169 --> 01:09:09,080

after all these years there can be no

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01:09:15,490 --> 01:09:12,179

ongoing commercial in confidence or

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01:09:19,910 --> 01:09:15,500

National Intelligence or or reputational

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01:09:23,450 --> 01:09:19,920

issues that mean we can't talk about

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01:09:25,970 --> 01:09:23,460

this anymore or or at all

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01:09:27,829 --> 01:09:25,980

but if there is something like that well

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01:09:31,910 --> 01:09:27,839

doesn't that in a way tell us something

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01:09:33,709 --> 01:09:31,920

about maybe what the westel incident was

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01:09:35,510 --> 01:09:33,719

all about that it was something

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01:09:38,329 --> 01:09:35,520

significant that it was something

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01:09:41,870 --> 01:09:38,339

potentially that was so perplexing not

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01:09:46,010 --> 01:09:41,880

just to the authorities in 1966 but even

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56 years later that still has to be kept

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01:09:50,630 --> 01:09:48,000

Under Wraps

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01:09:52,070 --> 01:09:50,640

well they let Harry read Senator Hadid

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01:09:54,110 --> 01:09:52,080

said it's certainly a worldwide

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01:09:55,790 --> 01:09:54,120

phenomena and that's their episode

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01:09:58,010 --> 01:09:55,800

hopefully has gone to prove that even

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01:10:00,770 --> 01:09:58,020

more so thanks to all the listeners on

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01:10:02,990 --> 01:10:00,780

YouTube Twitter via email via DMS who

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01:10:04,790 --> 01:10:03,000

submitted listener questions Shane I

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01:10:06,290 --> 01:10:04,800

could have gone on another hour asking

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01:10:08,090 --> 01:10:06,300

you those but it's very late where you

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01:10:09,350 --> 01:10:08,100

are I'd love to get you back on in the

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01:10:11,090 --> 01:10:09,360

new year to go through some of those

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01:10:12,590 --> 01:10:11,100

other cases you mentioned but also we'll

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01:10:14,750 --> 01:10:12,600

get back to the rest of those listener

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01:10:16,550 --> 01:10:14,760

questions as well I'd like to thank you

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01:10:18,770 --> 01:10:16,560

for your time you've been very generous

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01:10:20,330 --> 01:10:18,780

obviously rescheduling as well and if

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01:10:22,250 --> 01:10:20,340

you could just let people know how they

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01:10:24,110 --> 01:10:22,260

can follow you how they can also watch

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01:10:25,550 --> 01:10:24,120

the documentary and just get your work

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01:10:28,189 --> 01:10:25,560

in general

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01:10:30,530 --> 01:10:28,199

sure so you can reach me on Facebook so

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01:10:34,430 --> 01:10:30,540

the westel incident Facebook page is

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01:10:36,350 --> 01:10:34,440

pretty easy to find and also the

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original documentary that was made for

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01:10:40,450 --> 01:10:38,340

television in Australia it has a

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01:10:42,490 --> 01:10:40,460

wonderful website and that's

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westel66

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ufo.com dot a u there's a trailer there

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01:10:51,530 --> 01:10:49,800

a press kit two study guides and also a

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01:10:53,930 --> 01:10:51,540

video book with 30 minutes of extra

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01:10:57,229 --> 01:10:53,940

footage not seen in the original

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01:10:59,330 --> 01:10:57,239

documentary that's there as well

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brilliant all those links will also be

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in the description for this show uh

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Shane have a wonderful festive period

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01:11:06,709 --> 01:11:05,040

merry Christmas happy New Year when it

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01:11:08,630 --> 01:11:06,719

comes to all of you over in Australia as

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01:11:10,550 --> 01:11:08,640

well special thank you to Ross Coulter

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01:11:12,169 --> 01:11:10,560

for getting us in touch many months ago

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01:11:14,510 --> 01:11:12,179

it's been great and well worth the wait

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01:11:16,070 --> 01:11:14,520

having you on as well shin

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01:11:18,470 --> 01:11:16,080

thank you Andy thank you for your kind

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01:11:20,870 --> 01:11:18,480

words and keep up the good fight we

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01:11:22,790 --> 01:11:20,880

really appreciate it that is all for

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01:11:24,830 --> 01:11:22,800

this week's show thank you very much for

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01:11:26,689 --> 01:11:24,840

listening please remember to leave the

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01:11:29,570 --> 01:11:26,699

podcast the review on your chosen

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01:11:31,250 --> 01:11:29,580

platform you can like retweet And

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subscribe that would all be very much

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appreciated the shows are being uploaded

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onto YouTube as we speak more and more

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you can sign up at [patreon.com](https://www.patreon.com) forward

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slash that UFO podcast the accessories

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ad free as well please get in touch on

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Twitter Facebook Instagram that UFO

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01:11:51,649 --> 01:11:48,239

podcast of course on Twitter it's at UFO

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UAP am and again folks as always keep

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looking up you never know what you might

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01:11:56,100 --> 01:12:00,450

foreign

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because it doesn't really scare me

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thank you

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very much

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